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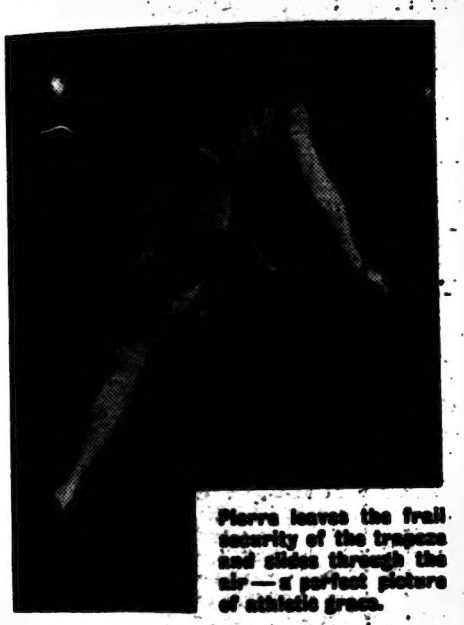

Pierre leaves the frail security of the trapeze and glides through the air—a perfect picture of athletic grace.

LES ALIZÉS tell how they keep fit to do double somersaults 70 ft. from the ground

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BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

get them out!

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A TEMPORARY REFUGE

It is to help you to help them that Lord Baldwin has set up his Fund for Refugees. Much money is wanted to transport them and to keep them in temporary refuge here until they can be sped on their way to the countries of settlement abroad. Our country, remember, is only a clearing-house for these unhappy wanderers. They will not become a charge upon our rates, they will not dispossess our workers, they will not swell the ranks of our unemployed. With your help they will find here 'a hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest.'

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Give to the Lord Baldwin Fund as generously as you can, so that within the next few weeks the first million-pound milestone may be reached. Other countries are playing their part in this great work of chivalry. Join up — now — this very day. Get the victims out — *before it is too late!*

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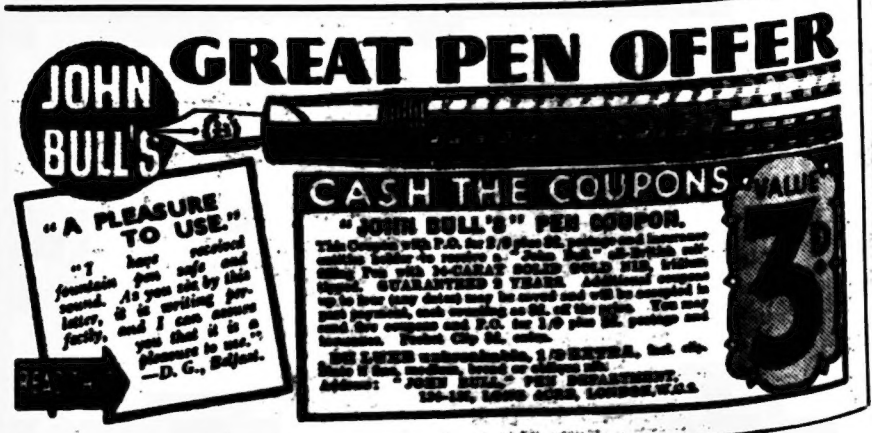

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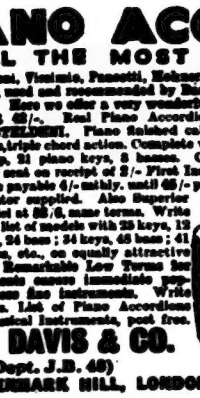

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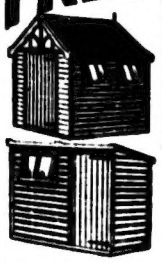

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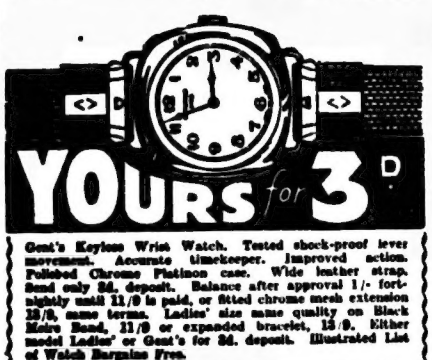

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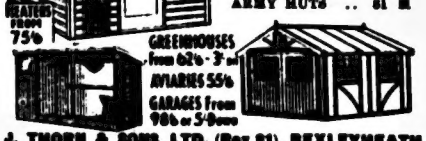

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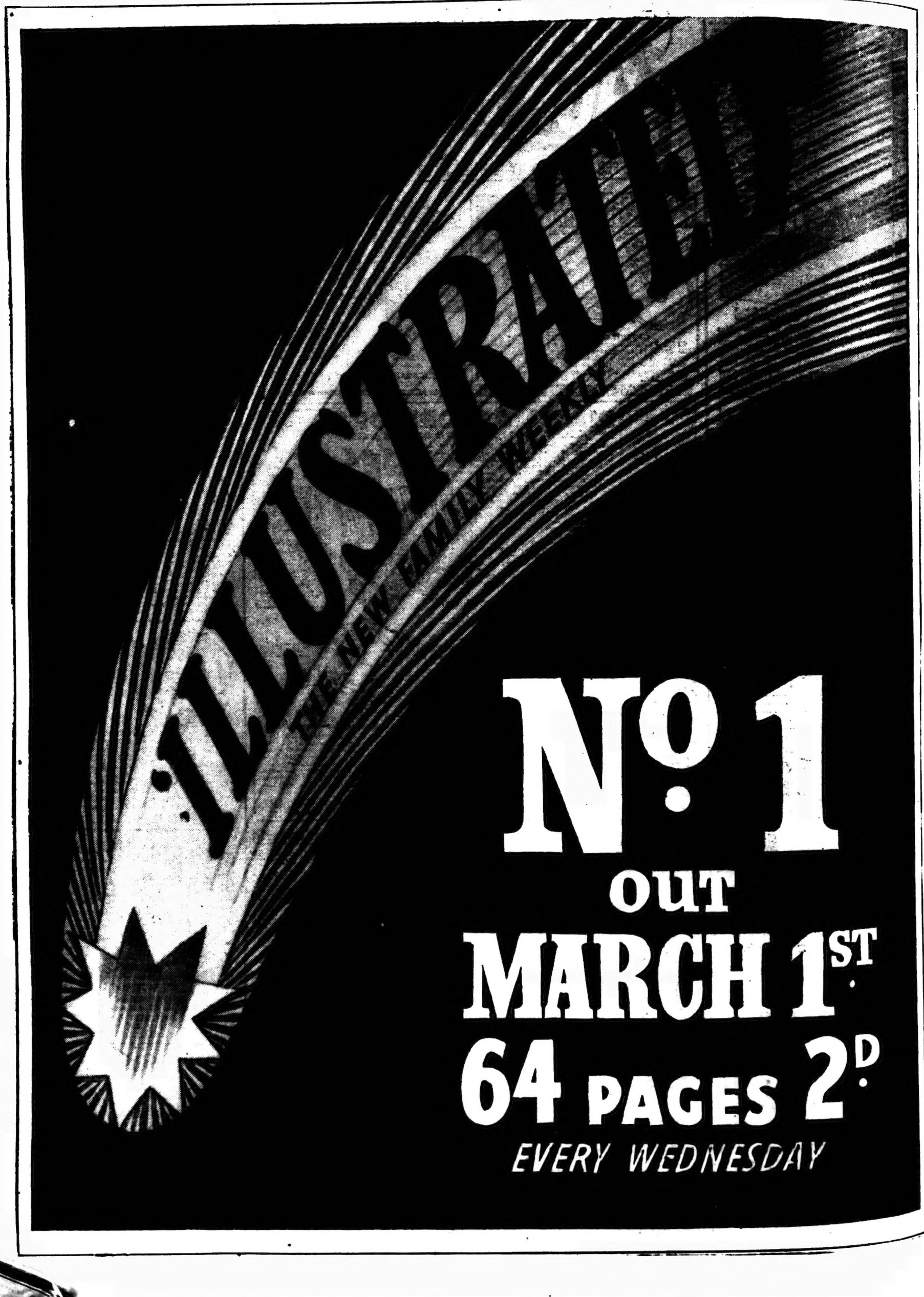
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STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

Premier's Election Plans —No Bigger Taxes

MORE General Election talk at Westminster. It's prompted by Whips' efforts to prune Parliamentary programme. If they stick to "popular" man-in-the-street legislation, it will probably mean early election. So many observers declare.

That view is over-simple. Most of the current programme is "essential" rather than "popular": air raid precautions, war risks compensation, defence borrowing. Biggest "popular" Bill in the offing—Mining Safety—is put off till next year.

Besides, the Government hadn't reckoned on unemployment soaring. That has changed the election prospects.

Cowboy Premier

International situation, though easier, is still perplexed. Italy making big claims against France. Hitler demanding colonies or more trade. Spanish conflict still to be cleared up.

But Mr. Chamberlain hopes to ride these difficulties. He'd like, if he could, to make them beginning of road back to tranquillity, perhaps the first steps to arms limitation

If he could get that far, he'd go to the country at once.

High Jump

Estimates for the Fighting Services, soon to be published, will show tremendous increases. Millions more will also be needed for A.R.P. and agriculture.

Total expenditure for coming financial year will be more than £1,200,000,000. That's about £200,000,000 above this year's.

He Will Borrow

But don't fear big tax rises when Chancellor Simon presents his Budget in April. He'll resort to loans.

There'll be a Bill at the end of the month for this purpose.

Why not a loan to make work for our two million unemployed?

Bigger Pensions

While there won't be big tax rises, there can't be big concessions either.

But one claim which the Chancellor must be carefully considering is that for higher old age pensions, or at any rate removal of anomalies in administration of present pensions.

All Parties—Conservative to Communist—press for this.

Though there may be a crumb or two for old age pensioners, spinsters who want these pensions at fifty-five may be less lucky. A Committee has been sitting on this claim for months. The Treasury will probably see that the claim is sat upon for at least another year.

No more trenches will be dug: Government is at last to build really bomb-proof shelters

Digging Deep!

But we're going to get deep bombproof shelters in every danger zone.

Yes, despite the Government's frequent and contemptuous rejections of the idea.

Why? Because the Government's advisers report widespread discontent with the present A.R.P. plans.

Plain Speech

Armament workers have made it plain that they won't labour with enthusiasm in wartime unless they know wives and children are properly protected.

National Service officials say that adequate volunteers will not be forthcoming so long as the Government pins its faith to backyard shelters of galvanised iron.

Change of Face

So Downing Street is worried. And, after eight years' opposition to the bombproof shelter scheme, it's going to give way to the demands of JOHN BULL and every expert who has been to Barcelona.

This change of face may not be apparent for a little while. But if you see the news in JOHN BULL, it is so.

Beating Sherlock

An amazing story of scientific detective work—outstripping any fiction writer's imagination—will be revealed in a case shortly coming before the courts.

Points at issue will deal with an entirely new method of finger-print production, and also the identification of a particular brand of tobacco found in the stubb end of a hand-rolled cigarette.

The case may become a classic in world criminal records.

Foreign-Made

Government spokesmen still urge us to "Buy British."

Well, in connection with the Government Department of Scientific and Industrial Research there is a section of Road Research which carries out experiments with road skidding.

For this purpose a high-powered motor car is used, drawing a trailer which measures skids.

And the car is a most expensive one of German manufacture.

Surely British cars are good enough?

Lancs Looks Up

Help for Lancashire! The Bill to enable the cotton industry to reorganise itself should be introduced soon. Firms concerned are now voting on the Government's draft proposals. Saturday of next week is last date for obtaining ballot papers.

If voting is "satisfactory," Government will present Bill to Parliament "immediately." Present ballot is under Government auspices. When the industry took its own vote, majorities were recorded in the various sections of 70 per cent. or more in favour of the proposals.

Jibbing and Jitters

Mr. Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, would regard similar majorities in the new ballot as "satisfactory." As the Bill's supporters have meanwhile tried to win over critics, majorities may turn out to be even higher than before.

On the other hand, some firms may jib at committing themselves now that plans are nearer to finality.

Milk Doing Well

The Milk Marketing Board is trying its utmost to make us Drink More Milk. And its long campaign is succeeding.

A five years' review, just published, shows that liquid milk sales jumped from 642 million gallons in 1933 to 752 millions in 1937.

That's a striking rise for which the Board deserves high praise. Equally notable is the increase in the height and weight of children given a supplementary milk ration in school.

Nature's Food

But, for all these efforts, Britain still drinks far too little of Nature's finest food.

Blame for that rests with wages and unemployment allowances, which make it impossible for poor families to afford the rations they require.

JOHN BULL won't be content until this position is remedied.

PEACE GOES ON

PEACE strides forward. War falls back.

The German attitude becomes less menacing. The Italians sober down as they feel the stiffening in France.

Mussolini and Franco both declare that the Italians will leave Spain when the fighting is over. We predict that this promise will be kept.

The Spaniards, when they have no further use for them, will no more love foreign soldiers on their soil than you would. The Italian people will want the Italian soldiers brought home.

Our Government firmly says that we stand by France. Americans make it plain that they are ready to roll up their sleeves and work for peace.

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International seas are calmer. Time for Mr. Chamberlain to be calling the crew together again and to be setting out in his ship "Appeasement" once more.

Already a new start is planned. At the end of this month, British and German trade leaders meet in Germany for talks.

The purpose of these talks is to stop a trade war of subsidised or cut-price exports and to make economic peace.

Herr Hitler says that Germany must export or die. So must Britain. Without international trade, the standard of life in every country would fall disastrously.

But no country can buy unless it sells. Every country must have a fair deal in the export markets of the world.

German exports are not a menace to this country if they are sold at a fair and not a subsidised price, nor do the fairly priced exports of Britain harm Germany.

Better trade and more trade is good for both countries, and for the standard of life of the peoples of both countries.

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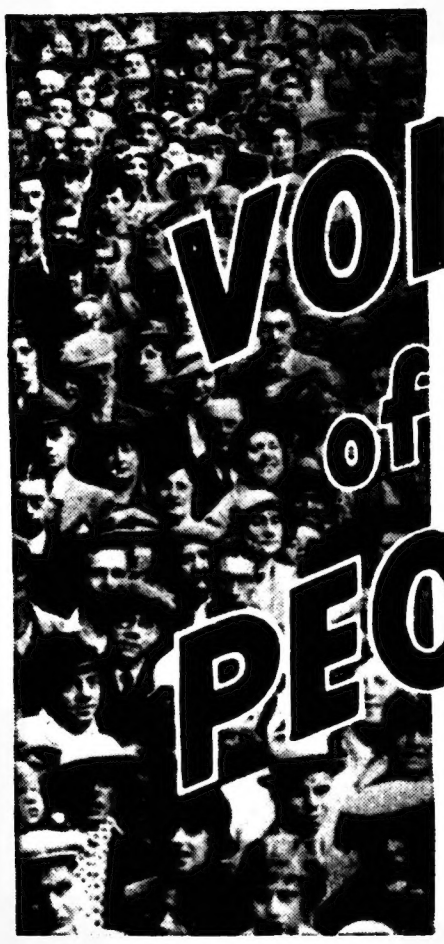
May our common-sense preserve us from launching ourselves into an economic and political campaign to stop the Germans from exporting!

The first people we should hurt would be the German workers, who would lose their jobs and wouldn't love us for that.

Next, we should hurt ourselves. For so closely linked is the economic fate of all countries to-day that one cannot be hurt without hurting all.

So let the trade peace talks flourish. And then let us try our hand at some political peace talks.



VOICE of the PEOPLE

- **Snob Rule in the Cadets**
- **Bloodhounds Never Win**
- **My Three Lovely Children**

LISTEN to this snobbery.

A year ago I joined the Engineer Unit, Edinburgh University O.T.C., paid £1 10s. for boots, shirts, etc., and 10s. enrolment fee.

Since then, I have spent a fortnight at camp, done thirty parades last session and fifteen already this session, and done creditably in my exam.

Imagine my shock, therefore, to have my resignation demanded in the attached letter.—Ex-Cadet, Edinburgh.

The letter from the Unit begins: "In view of the fact that there is a waiting list of University students who have a prior claim of serving in the Unit, the whole situation of serving non-student cadets has been under consideration." It appears that this Unit accepted non-students when it could not make up its quota in any other way, but has little time for them when University men are forthcoming.

Man-hunt Mystery

I read that bloodhounds have again been used in a murder hunt—without success.

I can't recall a single case in which a bloodhound has "got its man."—R. M. A., Marple, Cheshire.

Stanley Bishop, our Crime Specialist, who has been engaged on some scores of murder enquiries in connection with which bloodhounds have been used, says the police might as well have used hedgehogs for what use they were.

Adoption Snag

Well, the rush to enter the Government's voluntary pensions scheme is over. Good luck to those who have entered.

I, myself, would like to have been one of them, for I have the three lovely children (whose picture you see) dependent on me.

I have adopted them all since they were babies, and they brought nothing with them except their natural charm—not even a suit of clothes.

But I cannot join the scheme.

For I am a spinster and headmistress of a small village school. And my wages are just over the limit of £250 a year imposed by the Ministry on single women.

The fact that I have somebody at home to look after the children, and that she is dependent on my earnings, too, makes no difference. I cannot join the scheme.

I can only leave these little children inadequately provided for in the event of my death.

Not for one single moment have I regretted adopting these children, for they have brought great happiness and contentment into my life.

But it seems to me hard that the Ministry doesn't let them count in the eyes of the law, as far as the pensions scheme is concerned—just like children maintained by their parents.—Miss Helen Broderick, The Old Vicarage, Wold Newton, near Driffield, Yorks.

Miss Broderick's three adopted children

Heaven's Box-office

Front row, £4 4s. Second row, £3. Third row, £1 16s.

No, these are not charges for a theatrical first night, nor for a boxing match.

I have extracted them from the local Council's minutes, and they relate to charges for accommodation in the local cemetery.

They'd sell special privileges on Judgment Day, if they were able.—L. Shallcross, 45, Waterlow Road, Maidstone, Kent.

In some cemeteries this form of snobbery is carried as far as prescribing high charges to keep a particular part "select."

Money for Nothing

Eight months ago the local council sent me a bill for 3s. 4d.—cost of fixing a boiler at my house, they said.

As no boiler has ever been fitted at this house, I sent the bill back with compliments.

For months, since then, the matter has been travelling from one department to another. And now, at last, they have told me that in view of the fact not no such work was done for me they have pleasure in amending the account to 1s. 1d.

O, wisdom, wisdom—what things are done in thy name!—Fred Marsh, 177, Shuttle Street, Tyldesley.

Another reader was told by his electricity department: "We are now satisfied that you do not owe the £1 12s. 4d. about which we wrote you, and shall therefore write the amount off as a BAD DEBT."

Existing—at 70

I know two women—both over 70.

To one of them the State pays 10s. a week old age pension, of which 8s. goes for rent and 2s. for the bread and potatoes on which she must exist.

The other is lodged out by a mental home—and to her the authorities pay 15s. a week for board and lodgings, 2s. for renewal of clothing and 1s. for spending money, 21s. a week in all!—A. Isaacs, Chessington Road, West Ewell, Surrey.

Institutional care of old people costs anything up to 30s. a week. Therefore if it were possible for every old age pensioner to insist on "going to the workhouse," the State would soon find that it could afford a one-pound-a-week old age pension after all!

Weary Weddings

Marriage is still a sacred business wherever it is conducted. Why, therefore, aren't our register offices built to look the part?

I ask, because, acting as best man for my brother, we all walked into a poor-house. It looked more like a place for weddings than the register office itself!

We ignored the comment of the poor law attendant: "This isn't where you come to get married. It's where you come through getting married."—John Cowell, 16, Grainger Street, Wheatley Hill, County Durham.

We want to know what you are thinking about, what you've seen or done. So write to the "Voice of the People," 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. We pay 10s. 6d. for each letter published and an extra 10s. 6d. if we use your own drawing or photograph.

YOUTH WAITS FOR A NEW DEAL

HOW eagerly youth is waiting for a fairer deal all round is evidenced by the letters already received regarding our article, "John Bull, Junior." Here are typical specimens:—

At 22 I am the man in charge of a score of workmen, each twice my age, and each earning twice my money.

My applications for more salary bring the retort: "But you are a young man. You can hardly expect as much as your predecessor, who was thirty years older than you."

That treatment is being meted out to scores of thousands of able young people throughout the country.—L. F., Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

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AFTER three years as a warehouseman in a factory, where neither hard work nor laziness were even noticed, I took a job with a hosiery manufacturer.

I had been there a fortnight when a director said to me: "Push that skip of socks to the dye-shed."

Although a blackcoat worker—and this meant pushing a basket on wheels between 300 laughing factory girls who wouldn't hesitate to take a rise out of me—I did it.

And the director said: "Thanks. Having made sure you had ability, I wanted to know you had guts. I shall make you an under-manager."

To-day I am determined to do big things. Yet there are a million young brothers and sisters of mine who would also do big things if employers would notice merit.—H. S. C., Nottingham.

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MY employer thought fit to tell me why I had been passed over in the picking of a new commercial traveller.

"I started as a council school boy," he said proudly. "But I always realised the value of good dress. My first few pounds went on clothes. You modern young men don't know how to dress yourself into a good job."

I hadn't the heart to tell him how many modern young men—myself among them—have to hand over every available penny in homes dogged by unemployment, that he was fortunate enough to start life in days when there was no such thing as slump.—L. S., Walthamstow.

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LEAVING Mantle Road Council School, Leicester, in 1913, I applied for a job at what was then called the Unemployment Exchange.

I was first sent to see an Incorporated Accountant who offered me an articled apprenticeship—with salary.

As alternative, I could have started to learn scientific instrument making—with a good commencing salary yet again.

I chose the third offer, a good job in a printing house that has led, with very little difficulty, to my present £1,000 a year job.

There were chances for youth in those days—no matter how poor the start. But there is no such start for young men to-day. So why in the name of heaven throw stones at them, call them spineless—as so many men of my age are inclined to do?—M. F., Acton, W.3.

More Youth letters next week. Have we had yours?

FREE THE RAILWAYS!

says Reader B. Jones.

Why have our railways been demanding a square deal? Is it not the fact that the Iron Horse's progress has been hampered by out-of-date legal restrictions?

Many JOHN BULL readers must have had that thought—but putting it into the form of a neat *Bullet* brought a £25 cheque to Mr. B. Jones, 109, Alnwick Road, Sheffield. His was the apt effort,

TIED UP—
REASON "IRON HORSE" KICKING.

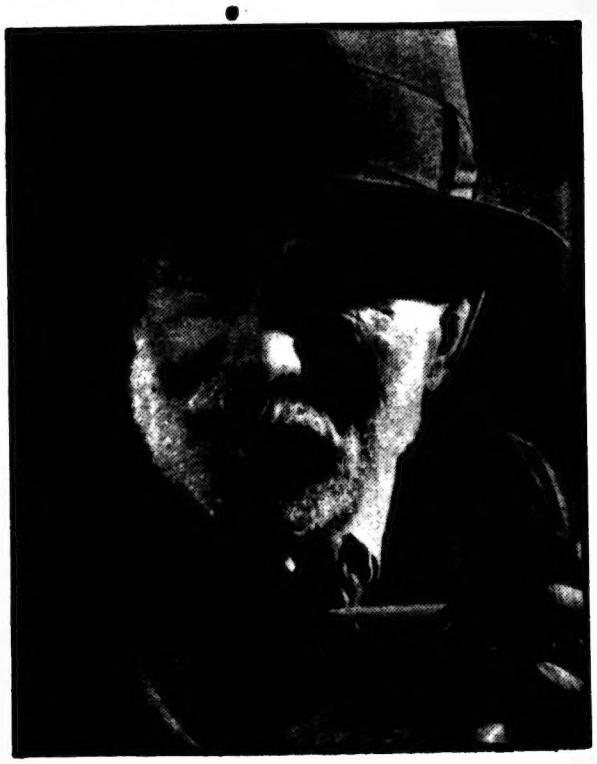
There must be dozens of interesting topics on which you have formed an opinion. Say what you think in *Bullets* this week and yours may well be that big Pension prize offered on page 43.

WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR

"The very young and the very old are forced to seek sanctuary"

If he could have seen to-day the drab dungeons for the destitute—

DICKENS would have WEPT



IN Britain's workhouses to-day live 200,000 souls, many of them under conditions that are a shame to the nation's pride.

Of course, we don't call them workhouses any more. Their title was changed to "public institution," following the Local Government Act of 1929, which abolished the old Boards of Guardians.

Great strides were promised then in humanising the drab dungeons in which so many of the very young and the very old are forced to seek sanctuary.

What has been done during the ten years which have passed? Very little!

In fact, in many workhouses, conditions have barely improved since Charles Dickens waged his great campaign nearly a century ago.

IF DICKENS WERE ALIVE TO-DAY HE WOULD FIND, STILL FLOURISHING, SCORES OF THE SCANDALS THAT ONCE WHIPPED HIM INTO A WHITE HEAT OF FURY.

"Has nothing been done?" he would cry if he could see a survey for the rich county of Gloucester published not long ago. "Did I write in vain?"

Hear what the County Public Assistance Officer for Gloucester says about the receiving wards at Stroud:

Situated near the entrance of the Institution, they are small, dark, dingy and undecorated

The equipment in each of these wards, including the baths, is appalling. There are two wards for men and two for women, the larger ward on each side having an old stone floor.

No person chargeable to the Public Assistance Committee should be required to sleep in such conditions or surroundings.

PRETTY grim—but it is merely a glimpse of the existence to which inmates in many workhouses throughout the country are still condemned.

Gloomy and prison-like from the outside, it is even worse when you get through the doors.

There are ill-lighted rooms and bare plaster walls. There are draughty stone corridors.

Bedsteads that have been used for a hundred years are still slept on.

Frosted windows, so high from the floor that no one can look out, give the only daylight.

The baths are crude. Sometimes there is only one in an outhouse reached by crossing a windswept yard.

Mental patients are herded in the same wards with chronic and acute sick cases. In some places they cannot even be kept apart from the children

This is not a vague general picture. It is not fiction from the pen of a master novelist with a burning ideal.

All these terrible conditions are set out in black and white in the Gloucestershire Officer's report. They are a shockingly accurate reflection of what is going on elsewhere.

Any wonder that old and infirm people who have to end their days in these conditions feel they are being hurried to their graves?

Not all the workhouses—or institutions—are the same, of course.

In some places enlightened authorities have made the change of name more than a formality. Old dungeon-like buildings have been modernised, rooms have been made bright and airy, and everything is more homely.

And everywhere, even in the worst holes, the resident officials do their utmost to wrest some semblance of comfort out of the dreary surroundings. It is a heart-breaking job.

Their own quarters are often cramped, makeshift and poorly furnished.

In a scathing criticism of the staff accommodation in most of the Gloucestershire institutions the County Officer tells of one place where there is only one bathroom for the male and female officers.

The room used as a dining-room, he adds, is not large enough to accommodate the smallest dining-table made.

At Stroud the staff arrangements do not provide for the normal decencies and privacies of life.

Stroud, in fact, is the blackest spot in the whole dismal community of Gloucestershire workhouses.

It is one of those built about a hundred years ago and in September, 1937, the County Officer bluntly declared that it should be demolished.

YET to-day the authorities are still arguing about it.

Meanwhile, some 150 poor souls go on living there in conditions which the Officer describes as "giving an impression of a survival of workhouse accommodation of a century ago."

WHEN YOU READ HIS REPORT YOU RUB YOUR EYES AND WONDER WHETHER YOU HAVEN'T, IN FACT, PICKED UP A COPY OF "OLIVER TWIST" BY MISTAKE.

The institution stands on a hill on the outskirts of the town—a heavy, dreary pile of stone shaped like a double cross.

The roofs of stone tiles are dilapidated in many places.

Most of the eight main yards, all in poor repair, contain large open drains.

Interior planning is obsolete. All the wards are low and narrow, and in most cases entirely lacking cross-ventilation.

Sick wards are narrow, low, dingy, overcrowded, and practically the whole of the equipment is obsolete.

A room used as a maternity ward is unhygienic and totally unsuitable. Its only entrance is from one of the chronic sick wards.

THE mortuary, a small, low room, adjoins the meat stores.

No heating system. Smoke sweeps into the wards from the open fires and old chimneys.

Sanitary arrangements and drainage unsatisfactory. That's a British workhouse in 1939.

Now read about some of the other institutions in the same county.

At Dursley the walls are eighteen inches thick, but the hundred-years-old stone is so porous that fires have to be lighted in the summer to keep the walls dry.

Steam from a make-shift bathroom in a vestibule seeps into an adjoining sick ward.

Foul linen is washed in a copper in an outhouse which has no door and the women working there are enveloped in steam and evil-smelling fumes.

It is at Eastington, another dingy old place, where some of the bedsteads have been in use since the day Queen Victoria ascended the throne.

The oddest idea of a nursery exists at Northleach. One small room which has been set apart is approached by a very old staircase and contains one bed and three cots.

The walls are just plain plaster and one of the windows overlooks the mortuary!

Westbury-on-Severn is the only institution in the county where suitable accommodation has been set apart for infirm people as distinct from those requiring nursing care.

BUT here the kitchen forms part of a building which was condemned many years ago after an outbreak of fire.

So this amazing report goes on.

It was made more than eighteen months ago, but it still substantially represents the whole unsatisfactory position in Gloucestershire.

How many of Britain's 200,000 destitute are buried away in places like the Stroud institution?

In pleading for urgent reform, the Gloucestershire Officer stresses that everything possible should be done to eliminate any ideas of repression formerly associated with workhouses.

The use of the word formerly seems a kindness on his part.

Quite clearly, Bumbledom is still rife and JOHN BULL demands that the disgraceful scandal should be ended at once.

Members of Parliament must compel the Minister of Health to take action.

It would not take him long to find out the black spots that should be swept away, and then he must see that local authorities do it.

News from ...

Every Story Bears a Message . . .

● JOHN BULL'S reporters went out this week looking for the news that doesn't find its way into the headlines.

They found more than we could print. So, on these two pages, we present a selection of the scores of stories which were investigated.

In making our choice, we decided to give preference only to those cases which were typical of thousands, for in that way our cause—the stamping-out of needless injustice and hardship—could best be served.

Every story we publish here has its message and moral. Every story reveals facts that will anger all men and women who believe in mercy, humanity, and decency.

Every story presents a different aspect of that amazing blunderland, where muddle-headed bureaucrats reign ruthlessly behind a Maginot line built of red-tape.

BETTER OFF IDLE

LITTLETOWN INSTITUTE, Durham, is a club for working-men.

Its steward is allowed a half-day off each week.

As someone must supervise the premises in his absence, the job is given to an unemployed man, who is paid 2s.

Last week the out-of-work deputy, who thought the payment would be a godsend, told the Unemployment authorities of the extra money he was earning.

They, it might be thought, would have given him encouragement.

Instead, they have ordered that each week, while he continues to accept the work, he must forfeit a full day's unemployment pay—2s. 10d.

They have also ruled that, for the half-day's work, he must have 1s. 8d. worth of stamps put on his insurance card.

So, by volunteering for three hours' work a week, the man loses tenpence and the State gains 4s. 6d.

Crime and Punishment

STOLE FIVE SHILLINGS —JAILED FOR YEAR

"My object all sublime, I shall achieve in time—
To make the punishment fit the crime."
("The Mikado," by Gilbert and Sullivan.)

OFFICIALS of Glasgow General Post Office discovered recently that a five-shilling postal order had been taken from a letter.

Employees' clothing was searched, and the missing order was found in the jacket of a postman named Thomas Connor.

Connor denied the theft, and alleged that, out of spite, a colleague had "planted" it on him.

Sheriff Kermack sent him to prison for a year.

Next day, Sheriff Kermack had to deal with Ernest Hay, a Glasgow solicitor. Hay had embezzled £700 from two widows, who had entrusted him with the administration of their husbands' estates.

Hay got only nine months.

Two Crewe policemen, Leslie Mair and Bernard Wright, pushed in a pane of glass at a garage, unlocked the doors, and drove away in a motor-car from the showroom

There was no water in the car's radiator, and they had to abandon it on the road. It was found twelve hours later.

Both Mair and Wright were on duty at the time.

When they were accused of taking the car without permission, they apologised, pleaded that policemen were only human, and said they were under the influence of drink and were looking for cheap excitement.

Each was bound over for a year.

But at Berwick-on-Tweed, John Brown, garage worker and ambulance driver, was fined £10 for a similar offence. He also had his licence suspended for a year.

He borrowed a car after missing the last 'bus home from work.

The loss of his licence means that he loses his livelihood, and so will be unable to pay his fine. He will have to go to prison.

When he comes out, the ratepayers will have to keep him.

Fishy, But It's True

SEVENTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD Tom Hockey, of Poole, finds it hard to live on his old-age pension of ten shillings a week.

To make ends meet, he goes hawking fish.

The other day he chose a quiet Bournemouth street, lined on each side with prim and prosperous houses.

"Bonny caller herrin' — six a shillin'!" shouted Tom as he trudged along the gutter. And he's got a fine voice, has Tom. Even seventy-three years have not diminished its strength.

A policeman didn't like Tom's serenade. He thought it was a bit too loud for the people in those prim, prosperous houses and said so.

Tom was indignant. Proud of his vocal powers, he gave the policeman another demonstration.

He was promptly arrested. Tom has been fined 30s. for "causing undue noise."

That means he loses three weeks' pension. During those weeks he will have to apply for public relief.

So, in the end, the ratepayers will pay Tom's fine.

Write to "John Bull" About it

● **In wild scenes such as this on India's North-West Frontier tribesmen shot down four young soldiers of the Green Howards.**

One of them was twenty-four-year-old John Milburn, whose parents live at Haswell, Durham.

Milburn joined the Army because he could not find work. Every week he sent home 2s. 6d. from his private's pay to help his mother.

She has to keep five people on £2 10s., which her husband earns as a miner.

● **Now the authorities have notified John Milburn's mother that regulations prevent them from granting any pension or allowance for her son's death in action.**

Even an appeal to assist the education of his brother has been turned down.

But they have sent Mrs. Milburn a medal.

● **Twenty years ago Henry Hitching was discharged from the Army, badly gassed, and with bullet wounds in both wrists and ankles.**

The girl to whom he was engaged married him, and nursed him faithfully until he died a few days ago.

Because of his disablement Hitching had a pension of £2 4s. weekly. It has died with him.

His widow has been told that she and her seven children must become paupers.

5s. 3d. Worries Whitehall

AN urgent summons to present himself at the Ministry of Labour offices was received by Mr. W. Pringle, of Thomson Street, Carlisle, a day or two ago.

His father had just died, and the authorities had found that 5s. 3d. of unemployment pay was owing.

The son was ordered to produce documents relating to the dead man's unemployment, his unproved will in duplicate, the death certificate, and receipts for the funeral costs.

That wasn't nearly enough, however, to warrant the handing over of 5s. 3d.

Mr. Pringle was next asked to submit written evidence of the names, addresses and ages of his father's relatives. He had also to declare if it was intended to prove a will, and to take out letters of administration.

Still more. Fullest information had to be given as to the identity of the people who paid the funeral expenses.

When all these facts and many more had been collated in documentary form, a legal declaration had to be made by Mr. Pringle.

Still the 5s. 3d. cannot be paid until all this useless and irrelevant information has been transmitted to Whitehall for consideration by State experts.

Council is Stymied

BOURNEMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL wanted more land for playing-fields.

It fixed on an estate named Shelley Park, which was valued at £24,000.

When the park was finally bought, however, the price paid was £32,000.

No sooner was the deal completed than it was found that a covenant existed, forbidding that the land be used for tennis-courts and bowling greens—the purpose for which it had been acquired!

To get rid of the covenant will cost the ratepayers another £5,000.

The troubles of Bournemouth Town Council do not end here. It has a £5,000 scheme to extend a model golf-course, which also means the purchase of more land.

Negotiations were begun, but broke down. The owner fenced off the wanted area. Now it has been discovered that he is not the owner at all. Someone examined the deeds. These show that the land has belonged to the town all the time.

Blunderland

Mr. Walter Elliot, Minister of Health. Did he know what went on at Bristol?

HOSPITALS SAID "NO!"

MRS. J. CADDICK, of Kingswood, Bristol, was going to have a baby.

She was waiting for an order to enter ospital for the confinement.

For weeks her two other children—e aged three, the other eighteen onths—had been in bed with whoop-g cough.

There were no signs of them getting tter soon, and both Mrs. Caddick and r husband were frightened of the w baby being exposed to infection.

They had been warned that if this ppened the child might die.

So Mr. Caddick went to the authori-s and asked that arrangements be ade for the two sick children to be ated in hospital until the danger of ntagion passed.

He was refused help, although the authorities added that they would be willing to accept the children as work-house inmates.

Naturally, Mr. Caddick revolted ainst this suggestion.

He went to twelve institutions in Bristol, pleading for the children to e taken in.

All of them turned him away—either ecause they considered that the work-ouse offer was sufficient or because he family lived just outside the city.

n the end, although he was able to ange for one child to be placed in a vate home, the other had to go into workhouse

hat is how one of Britain's largest es looks after the health of its ple.

WHY MR. WEEDALL COULD NOT PAY

BECAUSE Mr. Arthur Weedall, of Winsford, Cheshire, owed £2 19s. for income tax he was sent to jail.

No one seems to care why he couldn't pay such a small debt. He couldn't because he was almost destitute. A war that happened twenty years ago is to blame for that.

Wounded at Ypres, Weedall was sent back to civilian life with a 75 per cent. disability pension. Soon it was taken from him, although his suffering had become worse.

He opened a greengrocery shop and worked up a delivery round. Competition by big firms and his physical handicap crushed him.

His shop, stock, and then his home were sold to pay trade debts and rent arrears. For months he lived on dry bread and potatoes.

Then he began to earn a few shillings by hawking. But not for long.

The other day, while he was serving a customer, an officer came up to him with a demand for £2 19s. income tax, due from the time he had been in business.

Weedall pleaded that for 24 hours his only food had been a few spoonfuls of jam, that he had no money except 5s. from sales that day—only 1s. of which was profit.

Nobody was impressed, and off he went to prison.

Workless—Too Rich

EVERY day Mr. R. Giles, widower, of Broughton Pogge, Lechlade, Gloucestershire, applies for work at the local employment exchange.

But he never gets a job. You see, he has only one leg—he lost the other in a works accident seven years ago.

And he doesn't get any dole either. He was awarded £465 for his injury, and until that money is exhausted the Means Test authorities won't pay him a penny.

He might have invested the money—at 4 per cent. it would have yielded 7s. a week!—but, of course, he had to live on the money.

Now he is down to his last £30—and even that is regarded as too much for an unemployed man to possess.

Incidentally, Giles is an old soldier with decorations for five campaigns.

When Mr. Sydney Thorpe, of Newnham, Gloucestershire, came back from the war, in which his two sons served alongside him, his business as a tailor had disappeared.

Since then blindness and ill-health have made it impossible for him to earn a living.

With Thorpe and his wife lives a cripple daughter who has to make several journeys a week for medical treatment.

For a time the authorities allowed the family 15s. a week, and 6s. 6d. for special invalid food.

The allowance was soon reduced to 10s. for all three of them.

Now Mrs. Thorpe has qualified for old age pension, and relief payment has stopped altogether.

Officials have found out that a son, who has already provided a home for his aged parents and stricken sister, earns 55s. a week. Out of that, they say, the whole family must be kept.

Elizabeth Thompson, nineteen-year-old orphan, was employed as a domestic servant at Westcliff, Essex.

She was paid 5s. a week and another 5s. was credited to her for clothes.

On the anniversary of her father's death, she stole 2s. 4d. from her employer.

The magistrates have ordered the girl to be detained in an institution for six months.

Gateshead's Chief Constable is going to look very smart next week when the King and Queen visit the town during their tour of the North-East.

The town council has decided to spend about £50 on buying him a full-dress uniform. He will have a cocked hat, braided coat and sword.

N.B.—*In Gateshead, town of 125,000, one man in three is unemployed. Rates are 16s. in the £1, half of which has to be raised to relieve want. Two hundred shops are closed. Fifty pounds would provide shoes for two hundred needy children.*

They ravaged farmers' crops

Hunting the Hunters

SUSSEX has a plague of rabbits. Farmers are at their wits' end to deal with the pest that is ravaging their crops.

An expert, sent from Whitehall, recently addressed a series of public meetings.

He advised the farmers to take motor-cars and tractors to the warrens, and to spray the holes with carbon monoxide gas through a hose fitted to the exhaust pipe.

Three of the men who heard him—Harry Godden, Charles Ellis, and Albert Holewell, all of Hastings—noted that he also advocated the use of snares and traps.

Having no cars or tractors, they went out with nets and caught 14 rabbits in a field infested with the vermin.

They were arrested and have been convicted for being "in pursuit of game."

GIRL MAY BE A PRISONER FOR LIFE

FOR thirteen years a girl has been kept in Calderstones Asylum, Lancashire, just because, as a child of seven, she was backward at school.

She may remain there for life.

Again and again the authorities have ignored the pleas of her father, Mr. A. Finberg, of Mirfield Avenue, Higher Blakely, Manchester.

Once they even ordered him to pay for his daughter's keep. He refused, and challenged them to prosecute him so that he could make known the facts. The challenge was also ignored.

Recently the girl was allowed home for two months' holiday.

Mr. Finberg saw this as his daughter's big chance to prove that she was sane and fitted to lead a normal life.

A job was found for her on the domestic staff of Manchester Royal Infirmary. She soon became efficient and popular with her fellow-workers.

Mr. Finberg wrote to the authorities and told them how his daughter was making good.

Their answer was to persuade the hospital to dismiss the girl, and to insist that she must return to the asylum next week!

No criticism can be made of the girl's home. It is comfortable and she is well cared for.

She was sent to Calderstones Asylum originally after a welfare worker had described it to her father as a school in the country, where each child received individual training.

It sounded a great opportunity then for a child whose studies had been held up by illness.

But to-day she is a healthy, capable young woman. Must she remain a prisoner for life?

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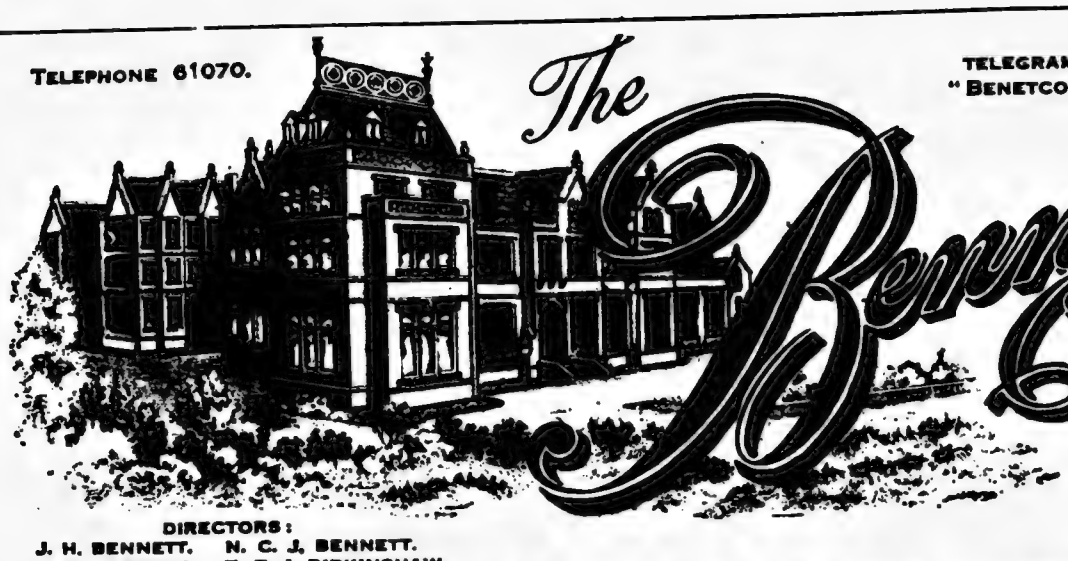

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Dear Student,

By the time you receive this notice I expect you will have done something in regard to the National Service Register. You will no doubt have made up your mind in what way you can help. That, of course, is the duty of all good citizens.

Personally I do not think there will be any war. The wish may be father to the thought, but I cannot believe that the rulers of the world, dictators or otherwise, would walk their nationals into such a world catastrophe. I feel confident that our statesmen will point out to them the utter futility of such a step, and will hold civilisation on the path of peace with honour, but there is not the slightest doubt that one way to avert trouble is to be ready to receive it. Hence the National Service Register.

There is another National Service that I want you to attend to and this will be greatly to your personal advantage. I want you to do the utmost that you can with your studies so as to make progress in your vocation, because the more efficient we all become, the more effectively we can serve the nation.

The man who has studied his job and is skilfully and properly trained can undoubtedly give his employer, and the nation, more efficient work. All this organisation and preparation is bound to create thousands of well-paid posts. They will have to be filled by efficient men, and I want to see the Bennett College students get their full share, so if you are engaged on A.R.P. work or some other evening work, by all means give that its due attention, but there will be no need for you to neglect the study of the vocation which is to be the foundation of your career.

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Rt.Hon.ERNEST B
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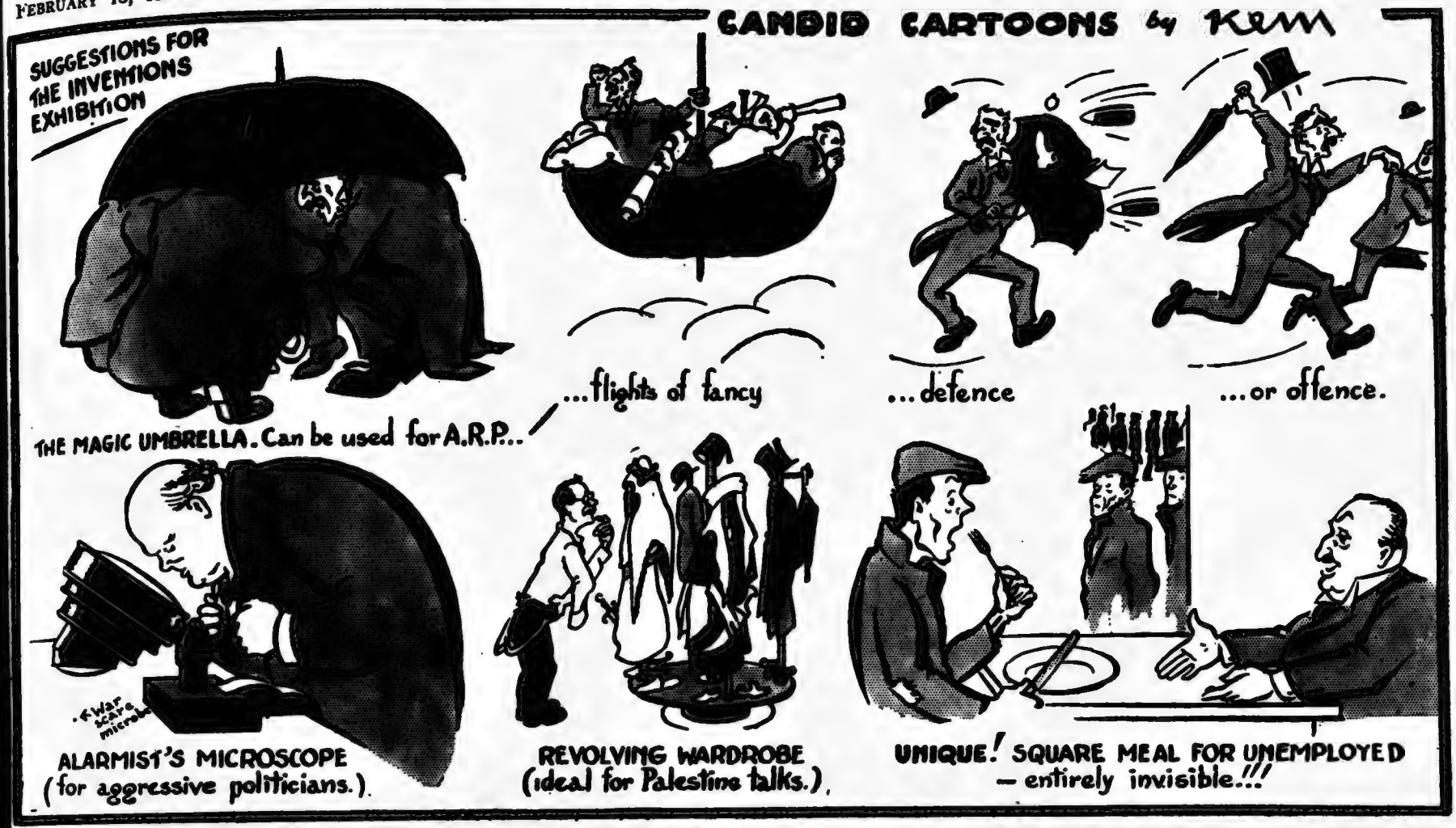
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Rt.Hon. ERNEST BROWN, M.P., Minister of Labour

DEAR SIR,—This is an S O S. An appeal to you on behalf of two million people and their dependants.

People whose health is being undermined by privation, their minds poisoned by despair, their abilities destroyed by idleness.

I appeal, not for charity, but for their right to work and maintain their self-respect.

And I demand that this S O S shall be answered, not by soothing assurances and ingenious excuses, but by action on a national scale.

Unemployment will not cure itself. It has to be cured.

Its victims increased by 200,000 last month. Yet there would be work waiting for them that would extend Britain's prosperity, security and comfort, if you but spoke the word.

Work on new roads, bridges, docks, schools, houses and A.R.P. shelters. Work on saving the richest areas of our land from disastrous flooding, as we have done on the Nile and in the Punjab, but are too feckless to do in our own country.

Such schemes would employ not only labourers, but workers in scores of trades and professions. They are essential to the nation's welfare. They would give so great a fillip to trade that there would be no fear of "slump" for many years.

They would bring hope to homes where hope is dead, activity to industries whose wheels are rusting, better times to us all.

They would cost money. A lot of money. But millions of pounds are frittered away on the dole, and millions are awaiting investment.

This year we shall spend £500,000,000 on arms. If we can afford that, we can afford to find jobs for our people—not by raising taxation, but by long-term borrowing.

What we cannot afford is to have two million workless people, who, with their families, are suffering from underfeeding and mental strain.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. HERBERT H. ELVIN, British Workers' Sports Assoc.

DEAR SIR,—There must be something wrong with our eyes.

For two blacks don't make a white, as you appear to presume in your protest against the King's reception of Dr. Ley, the German delegate to an international conference on recreations.

You accuse Dr. Ley's Government of dosing sport with politics. But that is precisely what you are doing in seeking to cold-shoulder a foreign representative.

Such inhospitality is alien to the British spirit of sportsmanship and does not further the causes of "moral rearmament" and international concord.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. B. M. JONES, West Alvington, Devon

DEAR SIR,—You are well qualified to act as the landlords' spokesman. You have, you say, always done your utmost to secure careful tenants without children.

Naturally, you dread to think what might happen if those tenants were compelled to accept refugees in times of emergency. Why, their habits might be "simply outrageous."

So the Government's billeting arrangements meet with your emphatic hostility. "Sympathy," you assert, "must not run away with common-sense."

And who cares about the lives of children in wartime?—JOHN BULL.

Lord LONDONDERRY, Mount Stewart, Co. Down

MY LORD,—I am glad that Lady Londonderry and her daughter were not injured when your private aeroplane, in which they were travelling, met with a slight mishap.

And I am sorry that it was found necessary to dismantle the machine in order to take it back to Newtownards for repair.

The dismantling, I see, was done by twelve R.A.F. men. You will, I am sure, see that the cost is not borne by the public, particularly in view of the present situation and the need for our Air Force to concentrate on official duties.—JOHN BULL.

The MAGISTRATES, Wakefield

GENTLEMEN,—People who rage against foreign barbarities should remember that there are barbarians in Britain. One appeared at your court last week—Albert Raymond Gott, who thrashed his baby stepdaughter with a cane.

He had been in trouble before for ill-treating the baby, and you sent him to jail for four months.

He deserved more.

It angers me that fiends are often treated with greater leniency than petty thieves, and I am sure you would be quick to welcome powers to impose heavier penalties in shameful cases of cruelty to children.—JOHN BULL.

Sir DONALD SOMERVELL, K.C., Attorney-General

DEAR SIR DONALD,—A free hand to crooks. A gag on the Press. Licence for "gold-digging" court actions.

Those are the effects of the present law of libel, which you admit to be in need of overhaul, and you promise a committee of investigation.

I'm relieved that something is to be done.

But don't let the withdrawal of a private Bill, aimed at clearing up the mess, result only in further delay and further opportunities for the crooks.—JOHN BULL.

Rt. Hon. OLIVER STANLEY, M.P., President, Board of Trade

DEAR SIR,—Shipping sails from bad to worse. Three thousand fewer vessels fly the British flag now than in 1914, though we have 5,000,000 more people to feed. In one of the best shipbuilding yards seven berths out of eight are empty.

Daily questions in the Commons show how alarmed M.P.s are becoming at this situation; you merely reiterate that it is receiving consideration.

Yes, I know. But if you delay action much longer there'll be no shipping to consider.—JOHN BULL.

Mr. BERTRAM LLOYD, Opponent of Cruel Sports

DEAR MR. LLOYD,—My postbag proves how public opinion has been stirred by the hunted hind and its calf which sought refuge in the sea at Minehead. The calf was drowned, the hind escaped after attempts to shoot it.

So I rejoice to hear that you are making another effort this session to persuade Parliament to outlaw stag-hunting.

Fifty M.P.s, I am told, support you. That figure, considering that this is a civilised land, should be five hundred.—JOHN BULL.

Rt. Hon. Sir SAMUEL HOARE, M.P., Home Secretary

DEAR SIR SAMUEL,—The carping ultra-patriots who want Britain's doors to be shut in the face of homeless humanity will be surprised to hear that 11,000 refugees from Germany and Austria have made work for 15,000 of our own people.

Not one of the outcasts we admit can become a charge on public funds. They are not harming our employment but aiding it, as I show in an article on page 21. To deny them sanctuary, at the behest of noisy and purblind Diehards, would be both callous and foolish.—JOHN BULL.

Bush have 'Buttoned up' their battery sets

WHILE everyone was getting so enthusiastic about Bush-Button Tuning, we battery set listeners felt a bit out of it—rather like listening to golfers talking golf when you only play bridge.

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INVISIBLE ARMY *INVADES* BRITAIN!

Here, revealed for the first time, are the amazing facts behind the I.R.A. terrorist campaign in Britain —and behind the Scotland Yard counter-offensive

Sweeping up the debris after one of the bomb explosions

TWO battalions of the Irish Republican Army—2,200 men —are mingling unobtrusively with the people of Britain. nd every man is pledged to bring estruction to the Empire.

For months they have been at ork. They have got themselves jobs key industries.

Some have joined the Army, some ave become R.A.F. men. Others are orking in the country's munition and rmament factories.

They are the officers of this invisible rmy of invaders.

Their subordinates have wormed their ay into jobs as labourers on public orks contracts.

But not one has come over to Eng- nd to do an honest day's work.

We have seen their "achievements" the last few weeks. The bomb outges were the signal for them to "go er the top."

The signal to begin a skulking, underground war that would terrorise Britain and crack her spirit.

It was a hopeless dream from the st.

Scarcely had the villainous trek to ngland begun when Scotland Yard got work.

Back in the autumn of last year the Yard" received from the intelligence anch of the Royal Ulster Constabu- y information that the I.R.A. was ady to open its campaign.

PECIAL Branch detectives began routine enquiries. Watch was kept on certain Irish Republican groups. eports were obtained of their meetings. first the results were reassuring. But the wonderful, smooth-running ti-crime machine did not stop.

On Sunday, January 15, the I.R.A. imatum, with its threats to England, s posted throughout Eire. Next day me the first bombs.

At once Scotland Yard took up the challenge. The battle was on.

Never has the police machine acted more swiftly and efficiently.

To meet the emergency there was a rtial breakdown of the department isions at the "Yard."

The Special Branch, under Chief Constable Canning, was strengthened with the entire resources of the Criminal Investigation Department, under Chief Constable Horwell.

Within a week the "Yard" had a complete dossier of the I.R.A. organisation in England.

Innocent-looking Irish labourers who had got jobs which put the country's public services at their mercy were trailed.

Known haunts of Irishmen in every big town from Glasgow to Southampton were watched day and night.

The "Yard" men brought in an astonishing story.

Two complete battalions of the I.R.A., they reported, had been drafted over for what was termed "active service against the English."

These battalions were divided into groups, each under the command of a "group captain."

Each battalion had its commanding officer, its adjutant and "operations officer."

Officials at Scotland Yard believe that every single officer has been identified; that it is only a question of time before they are all located.

A great deal of the information collected has been due to helpful co-operation by the Eire Civic Guard authorities in Dublin.

But a special difficulty is the growing suspicion that several Irish Republican agents are in the Civil Service. It is feared that they have been supplying the I.R.A. with Government documents and plans.

Not until every man of the 2,200 has been traced and, in police slang, "turned over" will Scotland Yard be satisfied.

Chief Detective-Inspector R. Reece, a quiet-voiced, pale-complexioned Welshman, is one of the men working hardest to that end

One of Britain's best detectives, "Dick" Reece, was the officer who smashed the gelignite safe-breaker gang.

In fighting its invisible foe Scotland Yard has followed a system of mass house-raiding.

A list of "possibles" is drawn up, and then application is made in private to a Bow Street magistrate for the necessary number of search warrants.

On one occasion lately 160 such warwants were signed. Next morning 300 detectives had to report for duty before five o'clock.

Before half-past five the police were knocking at the doors of houses on the suspect list.

Morning after morning, not only in London, but in Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and in fifty other towns, that same "turning over" has been done.

WHEREVER there is an Irishman or Irishwoman believed to be connected with the I.R.A. the sudden police search and interrogation will take place until the mystery army has been rounded up.

It is common knowledge that more than thirty-five persons are under arrest, charged with various offences in regard to explosives; some with conspiracy to endanger life.

Hidden arms and ammunition stores have been discovered. There has been seizure of tons of explosives, and of various materials for possible bomb manufacture.

Further remarkable documents, which gave an indication of the widespread destructive objectives of the I.R.A. general staff, have been discovered.

Since the I.R.A. "soldiers" first showed their hand there has been alarm It need not spread. JOHN BULL assures its readers that Scotland Yard will win the battle. We will not tolerate invaders who resort to violence—and violence of the most cowardly, despicable kind.

It's Too Easy to buy Bombs

EVENTS of the past few weeks have revealed the alarming vulnerability of the country's key points and services.

No doubt Britain's happy freedom for centuries from civil strife is responsible for the casualness with which we leave such important centres unguarded.

But the fact remains that until these recent happenings it has been easily possible for an unauthorised person to enter the grounds and buildings of most of our power stations, water supply points and similar places on which the life of the nation depends.

Not long ago a JOHN BULL representative called at a big South Country power station in an isolated spot. He wanted to ask the nearest way to a certain road. Nobody challenged him.

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At the far end of the generator room was an engineer who waved a cheery greeting, then ignored him. He waited for a while and then walked the length of the room through an avenue of giant whirring dynamos. A single small time-bomb would have wrecked the power supply over a large area of the countryside.

In another area is a water control point which supplies several towns and a couple of counties. It was in the middle of an open field, and completely unguarded. A Mills bomb could have wreaked enormous havoc.

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We could give dozens of similar instances. We are not blaming anybody. We merely point out that in France, Germany, Scandinavia and most other European countries it is virtually impossible for a stranger to enter such key points.

And there is the ease with which any terrorist group, decently organised, can get hold of explosives. There is no need for them to import bombs from abroad. They can collect them by theft or by open purchase.

Woolwich Arsenal and Government filling factories have had for generations a "check" system not only against strangers, but against their own employees. The "check" shows immediately whether the amount of material issued tallies with the amount used each working shift.

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And so a "dump" can be accumulated. At most of these factories there is a periodic search, for matches, etc., when the men go in. At very few is there a search when they leave.

Detonators, dynamite and blasting powder can be bought almost as easily as a bar of soap. Explosives are needed for tree clearance, quarrying and path building on farm estates.

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Sir Wyndham Childs' Special Dossier (1)

Who is Brighton's Mystery Man? Asks Councillor "Fearless Frank" Ingham

BIG SEASIDE SCANDAL BREWING

Brighton ratepayers are determined to discover why their new tennis stadium cost £11,000 more than the sanctioned amount.

WHAT is the real explanation behind the excess expenditure of £11,000 on Brighton's elaborate new tennis stadium?

There was considerable opposition when the Town Council agreed it should cost £45,621.

In the end it was found the bill was £56,677, and the Finance Committee, after an enquiry following stormy protest meetings, reported that the architect was responsible for incurring the unauthorised extra cost.

But ratepayers, smarting under other instances of municipal extravagance and faced with another heavy increase in rates, are demanding that there shall be a much fuller enquiry into the whole question.

One councillor has hinted that the total cost will turn out to be nearer £60,000, and the Finance Committee's report contains mysterious references to the architect receiving instructions from someone unnamed.

"The architect," says the report, "obviously did not realise that, the Council being his principal, he should have written to the Town Clerk as soon as he received orders from anyone in variation of, or additional to the original scheme."

Another statement is: "The architect considers his responsibility is confined to £9,975 of the excess cost, the balance being due to *circumstances completely beyond his control.*"

The italics are mine.

What are these circumstances?

And who gave him the instructions about which he should have written to the Town Clerk?

At a recent council meeting Councillor Frank Ingham, known locally as "Fearless Frank" because of his courage in tackling the town's problems, declared that obviously the full facts had not been revealed.

Councillor Sherrott, in maintaining that there was little real information in the Finance Committee's report, disclosed that as long ago as November, 1937, three separate departments knew about it.

They were, he said, the Borough Treasurer's department, the Accounts and Payments Sub-Committee, and the Finance Committee.

Could not the Town Clerk have been advised from one of those sources?

Now the General Purposes Committee is seeking advice as to whether the unsanctioned expense can be recovered, and, if so, from whom?

Ratepayers, however, feel that there should be an immediate enquiry by the Ministry of Health.

The Council has agreed that an application for such an enquiry shall be made.

If the Ministry refuse to intervene, the inhabitants are determined that the Council itself must make the fullest possible enquiry in public.

For long there has been consternation in Brighton over municipal spending.

A few months ago the Council's own financial advisers warned every member of the Corporation that expenditure must be checked.

The kind of thing which is infuriating the 150,000 people who live there was the recent purchase by the Corporation of Preston Park for £56,000, a year after they had turned down an offer to let them buy it for £29,000!

People have not forgotten either that on the day forty visitors from Biarritz were being lavishly entertained by the Council at a cost of £500, about four hundred summonses were issued against ratepayers.

And before the town was fully aware of the overspending on the tennis stadium the Council was actually proposing to ask the Ministry of Health to sanction a loan to pay certain debts, including rates, which could not be met out of the revenue from the tennis courts!

No wonder the people of Brighton feel it is time for a thorough spring cleaning.

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One man, whose case I cited, paid 5s. 6d. for one issue, only to discover that the sole reference to anyone of his name was: "Dench, Thomas, hardwareman, 3, Shoe Lane, Fleet Street," under the heading: "Leading Tradesman of London in 1830."

My comment was: "Queer method of earning a living."

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Snare Set for Amateur Authors

HOPEFUL authors will learn a great deal from the story of Dr. Johanna Brandt, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

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That was in November, 1937, and Stockwells promised that they would endeavour to issue the book by Christmas.

By December 17 Dr. Brandt had paid all the money due, but, instead of the book being issued by Christmas, the publishers wrote on December 30 asking for all instructions to be repeated!

Six months later they were still regretting that they could not give a definite date for publication.

Exasperated, the hopeful author cabled that she was coming to London at once to see what was happening.

When they received this message Stockwells wrote that *production* was completed.

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But she has never received a penny of her money back, and I am not surprised that friends in London advised her it would be futile to incur legal costs.

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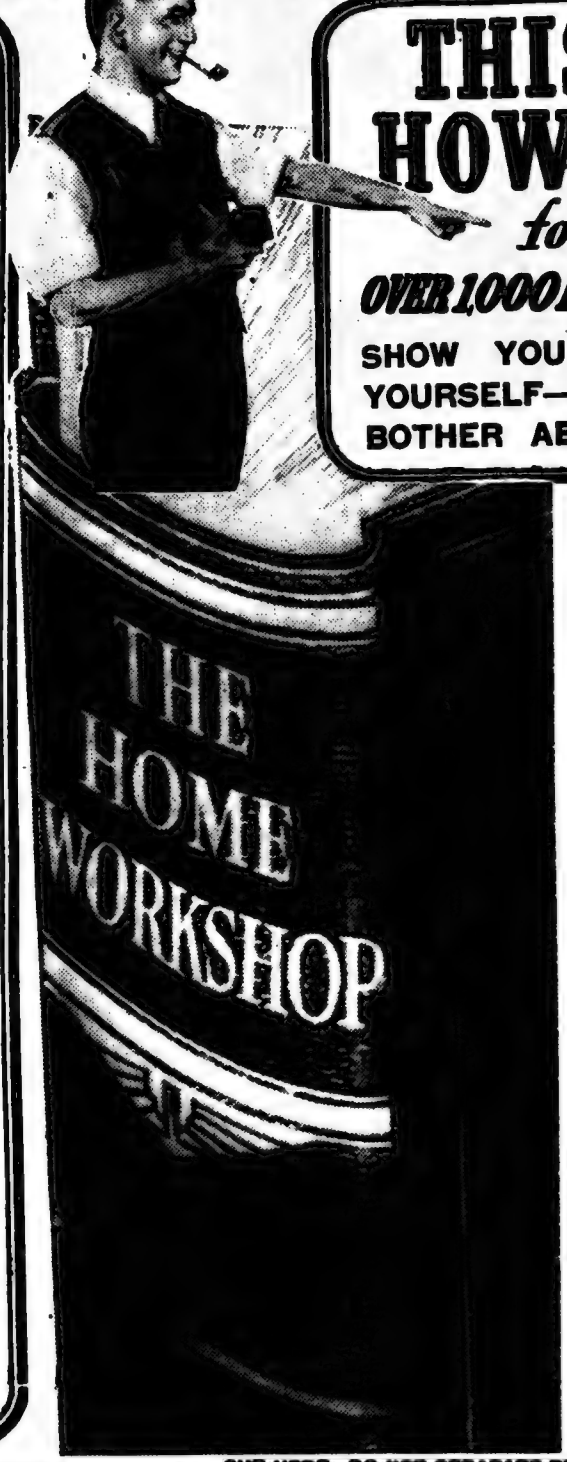

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He "Buys" Hotels—and Sells Clients

BIG plans for a chain of hotels and a mysterious cheque for £2,500 figure in a bold bluff now being attempted by one of the craftiest financial sharks in London.

Anyone unaware of his career would scarcely suspect his disguise under the name of Dodington, Gregory and Company, licensed valuers, appraisers and accountants, of 35, Great James Street, Bedford Row, London, W.C.

But behind it all is Wilfred Herbert Holden waiting for victims.

About two months ago he approached Mr. George W. Reed, owner of the Regis Hotel, Bernard Street, Russell Square, London, W.C.

He had heard that Mr. Reed wished to sell the hotel, and he explained that he was promoting a company to take control of a number of hotels.

Mr. Reed gave Holden an option, but said he was not particularly interested in how his hotel was bought so long as he was paid the price he wanted. The deal, of course, would have to be handled by his solicitors.

About the same time Holden was outlining his proposals to the woman owner of a flourishing private hotel in South Kensington.

The ground had been well prepared before he arrived on the scene.

First, a man describing himself as a major called. He was, he said, buying hotels for a combine.

The woman named a price for her business, but heard nothing more until another man turned up some time later.

He seemed to know about the combine proposition, but after several visits he went away. A few days later two more men arrived.

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They brought a cheque for £2,500 supposed to be signed by a man in Scotland who was joining in the deal.

Some proposal seems to have been made that the woman should take this cheque, and give one for the same amount on her own bank to pay the deposit for one hotel which was to be bought.

She refused, and it was then that Holden arrived.

With his master touch, he succeeded where the others had failed.

Almost before she realised what she had done, the woman had parted with £50.

It was supposed to be part of the sum required to form Regis Hotels, Ltd., the company which was to control the combine Holden visualised.

The company had been formed all right. Holden always dresses his window well, but it is just a sham.

In the registered details its main object was stated to be the acquisition of the Regis Hotel.

Mr. Reed is shown as the holder of 2,000 one shilling shares in the new company.

He knows nothing about any such shares, and until my representative saw him he had not heard of any such concern as the Regis Hotels, Ltd.!

The woman who parted with £50 is also shown as holding 1,000 shilling shares, but she realises now that they are not worth the paper they are written on.

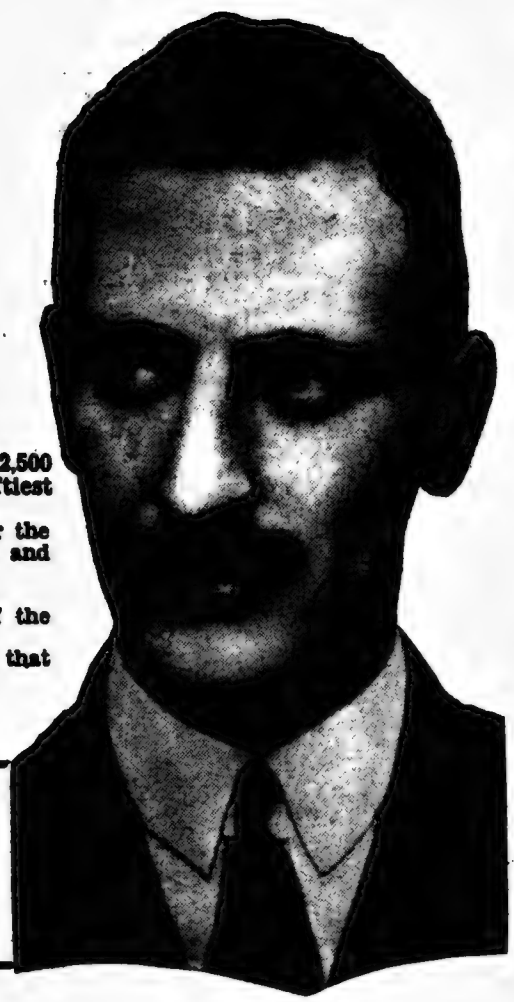
She has received an account purporting to show how her money has been used for preliminary expenses. Strangely enough, they amount to exactly £50.

For a time Holden fooled this woman with a story that he was in touch with a man who was going to invest £10,000.

I hope my warning will be in time to save anyone else from being fleeced by this rogue.

Holden, who is adept at keeping on the right side of the law, was trapped about three years ago, and was sent to jail for eighteen months.

An example of his cool impudence is the fact that the address in Great James Street from which he is now operating is where he ran one of his shady companies before he went to jail.



Sir Wyndham Childs says: "I hope my warning will be in time to save anyone else being fleeced by this rogue Holden"

Fake Students Go Gate-crashing

SEATED in his office busy at work the Export Manager of Milton Proprietary, Ltd., of Brewery Road, London, N., was suddenly confronted by two young men brandishing collecting-boxes.

They looked like students, and smiling happily they declared they were "raiding the directors."

While one explained to the Export Manager that two guineas would keep two poor children for a week, the other slipped into the General Manager's office next door.

The next moment he was outside with a very different look on his face.

"Get out" was all the General Manager had said.

He had taken one glance at the National Distress Relief Association label on the box and remembered my exposure of this masquerading charity.

The two cheerful collectors had arrived in a car and, avoiding the enquiry desk, they had calmly walked into various offices.

It is apparently the newest ruse of this concern's collectors.

Reports of similar gate-crashing have reached me from other firms, and recently two of the collectors had the audacity to come into JOHN BULL offices!

They came here from another part of Messrs. Odhams' premises and were rather startled when they found where they were.

One firm whose offices they raided in New Oxford Street, London, demanded the return of the money they collected from the staff.

It arrived next morning by registered post from the headquarters in Regent Street.

Occasional free breakfasts are given to poor children, but there can't be much left for this after expenses are paid.

I have evidence that collectors have been receiving as much as a third of what they bring in.

When one of them was fined at Lambeth recently the magistrate said the charitable public would be impressed if they knew how their money was divided up.

You will be doing genuine charitable work a good turn if you send their collectors away.

'Ware H.P. Trickery

EXCELLENT though the safeguards of the new Hire Purchase Act may be, it is already clear that some of the bad firms are already trying to find ways of getting round them.

I hear of people, particularly in the North, being offered new agreements, giving them longer to pay but at a higher rate of instalments.

All kinds of dodges will no doubt be attempted, and if anyone who suspects trickery will write to me I shall be glad to help them.

Some of the worst racketeers had a last mean fling before the new Act came into force on January 1.

Furniture was seized in the last few days of the old year because instalments were slightly in arrear.

One unemployed ironworker's home was carted away the day before Christmas. He and his wife and their one-month-old baby were left to sleep on a mattress on the floor.

Nearly half the cost of the furniture had been paid but, of course, before the new Act was passed it was permissible for *everything* to be taken back if payments were in arrear.

Sir Wyndham Childs' Special Dossier (continued)

You Have Been Warned

INCREASING numbers of begging letter writers, pretending to be refugees stranded on the Continent, are pestering the heads of business firms over here.

One of them, Max Steiner, writing from an address in Paris, says: "Accidentally, I received your address by a gentleman who told me about your great goodness."

You need have no twinge of conscience if you throw this kind of letter in the wastepaper-basket.

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TRADESPEOPLE approached by Bernard Lewis, Ltd., of High Street, Tooting, to advertise on local maps they issue would do well to study the proposition very carefully.

Promises made by their representatives that local agents will regularly supply names and addresses of new arrivals in various districts do not always seem to materialise.

A claim against one trader who refused to pay was recently withdrawn at Worthing County Court after His Honour Judge Archer had said: "The whole thing is thoroughly unhealthy."

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NOTORIOUS fee-snatcher A. E. Colbourne gets more and more impudent.

From his newest address in Cavendish Street, London, W.1, he has just written to a householder saying: "I am aware that you are having financial troubles."

Anyone who listens to any proposal from this jailbird will be *inviting* trouble.

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ALL work sold bears a fair profit of 100 per cent., urge Mitchell and Co. (Leathercraft), Ltd., in seeking fees varying from 20s. to 35s. for instructions in making goods for them at home.

What nonsense! Apart from the snags in all these home-work schemes, how can articles made in this way compete with those produced by big manufacturing firms and make a profit of 100 per cent.?

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COMPLAINTS still reach me about the offers made by James Bentley, of Moor Avenue, Howick, Preston, to find money to buy businesses

Always there is the request for an "advance booking fee" of £3 10s., and more if the business is some distance from Preston.

That is about as far as the capital-finding goes.

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MR. CHARLES BEST, of Rue la Boëtie, Paris, has been advertising in English papers recently for agents.

One Leeds man who replied was asked to sell tickets for a French lottery at a liberal commission.

Whether the lottery is genuine or not, it is, of course, illegal to sell tickets in this country.

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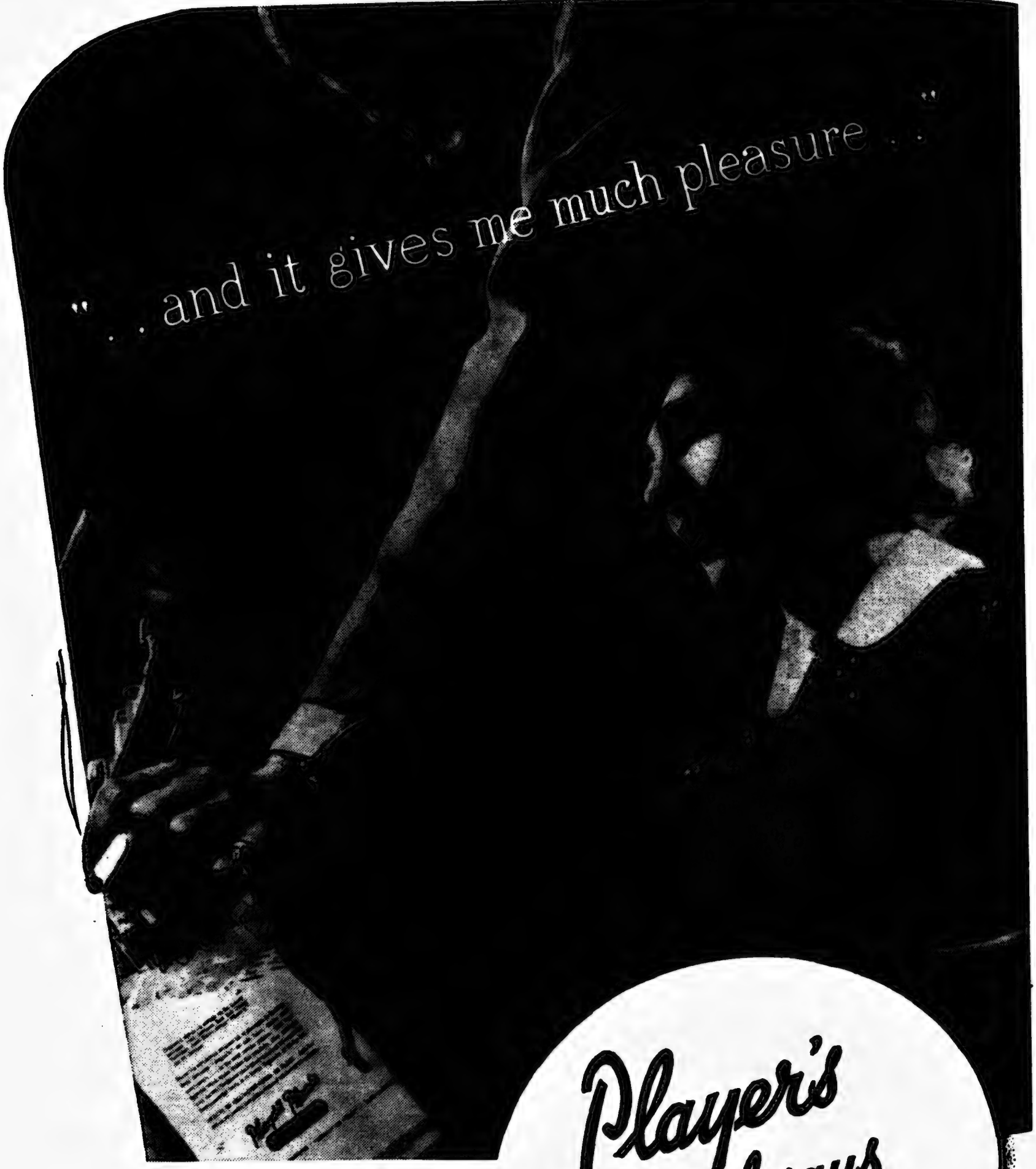
NEWEST disguise of Morton and Company, notorious capital finders, of Clapham Road, London, S.W., is "Galbraith, St. Mary's Chambers, Strand, London, W.C."

A Daventry reader who replied to an advertisement in Galbraith's name received the old fee-snatching proposal from Morton's.



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Britain Has a SECRET BRAINS TRUST

LONDON'S strangest social function was held the other day, when 500 famous peers, scientists, big business men and diplomats attended a reception with 200 guests whose names had to be kept secret.

It was the Royal Society's meeting at Burlington House, one of the star society events of the year. But as each of these guests reached the footmen who were announcing names at the head of the grand staircase, he was passed silently by.

During the function none of them was addressed by name by his fellow guests, even if he was personally known to them. None of their names appeared in the newspaper reports of "among those present."

Who were these mysterious visitors, and why all the secrecy at such a distinguished gathering? The answer is just one more commentary on the queer times in which we are living.

These 200 "unknowns" were refugee scientists.

Professors and research workers of top rank attainments whose work has been of enormous benefit to learning and to humanity. But for racial and political reasons they are outcasts from their own countries, and have been given sanctuary here.

IN England they carry on with their research as "guest workers" in our universities or in various factory laboratories.

And they live on a maintenance grant of a maximum of £5 a week—to a married man—which is provided from charitable funds.

The secrecy? It is necessary because they believe that the dictator countries, not content with banishing them, would punish relatives who have remained behind, if it were known that they were being helped or received on an honourable footing by scientists in this country.

But if we cannot quote their names, we can at least give some examples of the work which these wandering scholars are doing here.

Among the first of them who came for refuge to London a year or two ago was a woman.

She happened to be one of the most brilliant ceramics chemists in the world. The Academic Assistance Council at Burlington House gave her a grant and then found "house room" for her in the laboratories of a large pottery firm.

Her special field was high-strength porcelains. And the result of that woman's work is the creation of a new industry in Britain—the manufacture of huge electrical insulators similar to those you see on grid pylons.

PREVIOUSLY nearly all these insulators were imported from abroad—chiefly from Germany. Now we can compete in the world markets as well as satisfy our own industrial needs.

Another refugee scientist who came to the Council for help was a Russian professor who had fallen foul of the Soviet authorities, but who had managed to escape.

Thanks to a woman refugee, the manufacture of huge insulators for electric-pylons has provided Britain with a new industry

He is one of the world's leading authorities on the migration of fish.

He had compiled unique maps, during his lifetime's work, of the fishing grounds of the Northern hemisphere. These he had to leave behind.

But he succeeded in bringing out his notebooks crammed with invaluable data on fish foods, feeding habits, drifts of shoals, and the sea conditions necessary to obtain large harvests of fish.

From these notebooks he has slowly reconstructed his wonderful charts and maps. And with their help our fishing industry is being reorganised on a scientific plan which will mean a return of long overdue prosperity, better payment for fishermen, and cheaper food for the public.

WORKING in the North Country laboratories of one of our biggest chemical industries is a German refugee scientist who has evolved manufacturing processes and applications for one of the most sensational modern discoveries—"heavy water."

A year or two ago there were only a few ounces of it in the world, and it was worth about £50 a teaspoonful.

To-day there are *tons* of this strange substance, and Britain, thanks largely to the work of this refugee and some of his colleagues, leads the world in its production.

Doctors are using it to discover facts about the body's digestive processes which had been previously a mystery. Chemists look on "heavy water" as a magic key which will nearly double the list of known chemical compounds.

Another example of the type of scientist who is helping to form Britain's new "brain trust" was Prof. Fritz Haber. We can mention his name because death has taken him from the dictator's reach. He died a few months after his arrival in Britain as a refugee.

Haber was, by common consent, the greatest chemist in Germany. He was the man who, a few months after the war started, succeeded in extracting nitrogen from the air for the manufacture of explosives and fertilisers.

Without his process Germany would have collapsed in the field as well as economically early 1915, because the British Navy had cut off supplies of Chilian nitrate.

It was Haber, too, who built the great Leuna works of the Dye Trust, which has been worth countless millions of marks to German industry.

Haber was a millionaire when Hitler came to power. Possibly he was the most valuable man in his country.

But he was already an avowed pacifist, and when the anti-Jewish legislation came in Haber went out.

Burlington House gave him a grant and Sir William Pope provided him with a laboratory at Cambridge, where he carried on with his research work. Just before he died—during a holiday abroad—he had been working on synthetic sugar and rubber.

Several of the refugee scientists now in England are men approaching Haber's brilliance. About 250 of them have been settled in Britain and 75 in the Dominions. A third are in industry and the rest in various academic posts.

Among the university men, professors and research workers at London and Cambridge are five Nobel prizemen in science. They have received the highest honour which can be conferred on a man of learning.

But their work is not lost to the world because they have been hounded like criminals from their own countries. Instead British students get the benefit of their vast knowledge and teaching skill, and this country is establishing a lead in what is called "pure science."

ONE of the Nobel prizemen has put Britain to the fore with research in extreme low temperatures, a region of cold where metal undergoes strange changes and yields up the secrets of its structure.

At Manchester and Oxford other refugees are doing medical research into glands and diseases like cancer, which is in advance of anything being done in other countries.

The work which these "guests" of Britain are doing is a sufficient answer to those carping voices who raise panic-stricken wails about the "foreign invasion."

These scientist refugees bring a more valuable commodity than mere industrial aptitude. They bring their brains and genius, rare qualities which provide a country's greatest capital.

And there the dictator countries' loss is Britain's gain.

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"The Greatest of These . . ."

TO most of us an attack of influenza is a winter trial to be taken in our stride; to Mr. Oliver Tobin, of Liverpool, it meant incredible misery.

An unemployed ex-Service man in his early forties, he has struggled for years to provide for an invalid wife and five children. He has no pension. Mrs. Tobin had rheumatic fever fifteen years ago, and she has needed rest and the most nourishing food ever since. How could her husband carry on? He scarcely knew. Yet he tried until influenza left him with chronic ear trouble.

Now he has asked JOHN BULL's readers to help. And we think they will.

You see two of Mr. and Mrs. Tobin's children here. The eldest, a girl of 15, has just started work. Each Friday she brings home 9s. But 3s. 6d. of that goes to provide her fares for the next week.

To keep a home, Mr. Tobin has to pay 10s. a week rent. He has struggled proudly on for so long that arrears are now a serious anxiety.

If you would like to help this stricken family, send a donation, earmarked "Oliver." to the Hon. Sec., JOHN BULL War Sufferers' Fund, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. They will be acknowledged where name and address are given.

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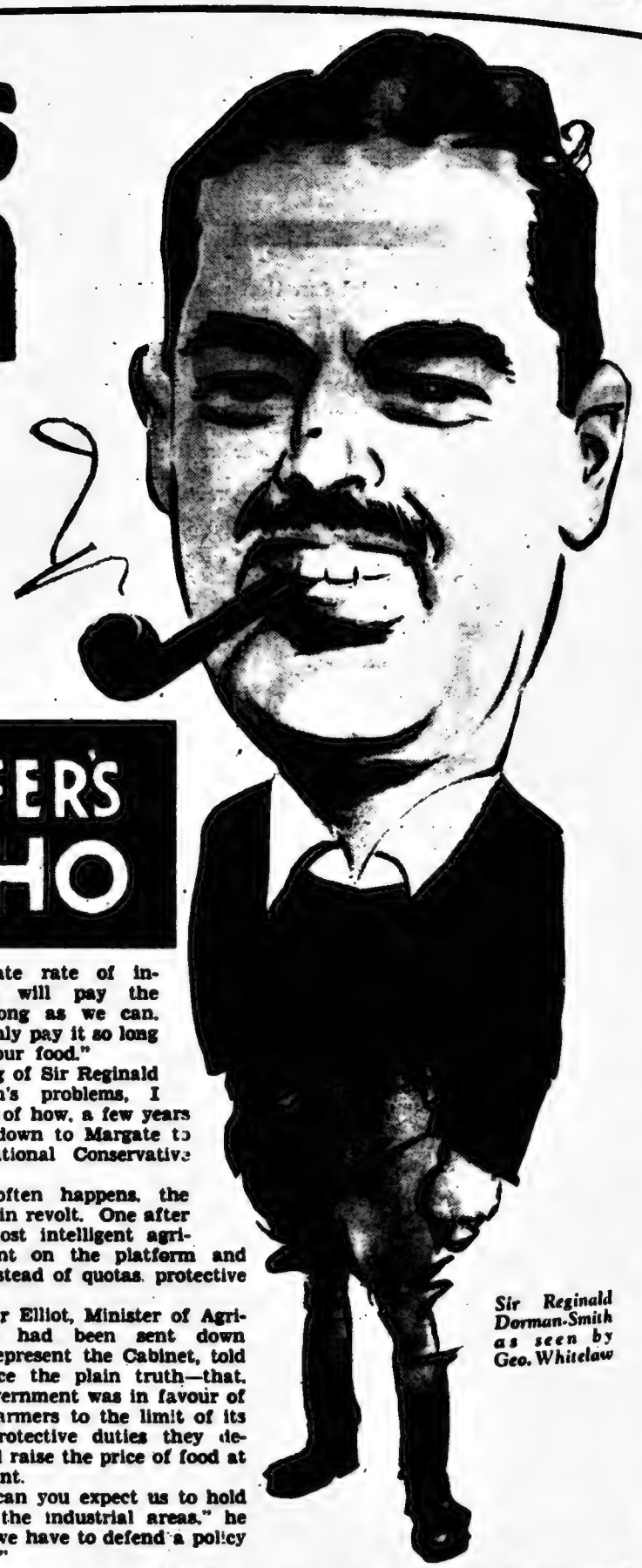

Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith as seen by Geo. Whitelaw

SO far, no one knows whether to congratulate Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith or to condole with him on his appointment as Minister of Agriculture.

And, certainly, no one was more surprised than Sir Reginald when the Prime Minister sent for him and said: "Will you take on the job yourself?"

There have been three Ministers of Agriculture since, seven years ago, the "National" Government was formed. Sir John Gilmour failed. Then Walter Elliot failed. Then W. S. Morrison failed.

And Morrison, they were saying, was being groomed as the next Prime Minister!

Minister of Agriculture follows Minister of Agriculture in mournful succession. They go back to the land, one after the other. And, in spite of them, the problems grow more intense.

The farmers, Tory to the backbone as they have always been, were in revolt against the Government. They were appointing their own Parliamentary candidates, splitting the vote. They might soon have brought the Government down.

Then the Chief Whip sent for Mr. Wright, the Tory farmer who, in East Norfolk, was down to oppose the official Tory candidate, and whispered in his ear. The Tory farmer withdrew.

"You have sold us," shouted other East Norfolk farmers.

Then, most dramatically, the Prime Minister sent for Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, the President of the National Farmers' Union itself, and said: "You get on with the job."

HANNEN SWAFFER'S WHO'S WHO

PLANS had been made for a march of farmers, farmers' wives, farmers' boys and farmers' girls through London to parade their plight. Among them were grandfather veterans of the soil who had never before left East Anglia.

But instead of marching against the Government, they found themselves, because of the Prime Minister's artfulness, marching in support of it. Their leader-in-chief, a rebel no longer, had been put into high office.

"Ah, now," they said, "we shall get what we want."

I wonder!

Seldom in political history has the so-called "business man" been a success in Government.

"Put the expert in charge," we always hear. Unfortunately, the expert on one thing invariably finds, before many days have passed, that the problem was not so easy as he thought, that he has to fight experts on other things.

He has seen, before, only one part of it—his own. He did not understand that there were conflicting interests. As a rule, he has soon retired, hurt.

NOW, naturally, as, since 1921, over 200,000 workers have been forced to flee from the land, and as, since 1921, 3,000,000 acres—or one-fifth of Britain's agricultural land—have become a wilderness, Sir Reginald's obvious remedy is "Let us grow more food!"

That sounds perfectly easy. A child, you would think, could deal with that. But there are other problems. . .

In Wales, for instance, Sir Reginald will find that the unemployment figure in Anglesey, an agricultural county, is 37 per cent.

He will discover that the rural parts of West Wales have lost over 7,000 people from the land since 1921, and are still losing them.

He will be told that in Caermarthenshire a dozen farms which have the richest soil in the country are running to waste.

"Let them grow more food," the new Minister of Agriculture may very naturally say. He is himself a master farmer. He is an expert on agriculture. He is no fool, but, about farming, a very clever man.

But the real reason for the rural desolation in Wales is not due to farming.

It is caused by the fact that, in the whole of Wales, one person in four is unemployed and is therefore unable to afford as much food as he would buy if he were in work. And nearly all the agricultural produce of Wales is sold to the Welsh people.

SO, as I see it, the Minister of Agriculture must say to the Government: "Find work for the South Wales miners!"

"How?" the Premier will ask.

"Oh, but we are importing food from overseas," the reply will probably be. "We should grow all our food in this country. Not only would this make us richer, but we should be safer in time of war."

"I quite agree. Everybody knows that," Neville will reply. "But, unfortunately, there are other circumstances. Unless we import Danish food, Denmark cannot pay us for the manufactured goods which we sell her. And we want her to pay for them, don't we?"

Then there are the Dominions. We are always hoping that we shall sell to our brothers and sisters overseas more manufactured goods—forgetting, of course, that, in these days, our brothers and sisters are manufacturing their own goods.

Still, we do sell them some. So they demand the right, which is now indeed a necessity, of paying us back in food.

"The City of London," Savage, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, bluntly told the Imperial Conference, not long ago, "lent my predecessors millions of pounds, years ago, at what we consider an extortionate rate of interest. We will pay the interest as long as we can. But we can only pay it so long as you take our food."

No, thinking of Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith's problems, I am reminded of how, a few years ago, I went down to Margate to attend a National Conservative Conference.

Then, as often happens, the farmers were in revolt. One after the other, most intelligent agriculturists went on the platform and demanded, instead of quotas, protective tariffs.

Then Walter Elliot, Minister of Agriculture, who had been sent down specially to represent the Cabinet, told the Conference the plain truth—that, while the Government was in favour of helping the farmers to the limit of its power, the protective duties they demanded would raise the price of food at least 30 per cent.

"And how can you expect us to hold our seats in the industrial areas," he went on, "if we have to defend a policy of dear food?"

This would have meant, mind you, an end to Conservative control of the big industrial towns.

Yet, in spite of that fact, the Conference ignored the Minister of Agriculture's pleas, and voted with such unanimity against the Minister of Agriculture, and against their own Government, that only one poor man had the courage to put up his hand on Walter Elliot's side!

AS a beginning of farming prosperity, I calmly suggest to the new Minister the nationalisation of the land.

Until the nation has control of the land itself, and until it uses the land, not for exploitation, but for common benefit, there will continue to be the farming problem.

Yet I see that, a few months ago, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith wrote to *The Times* a letter on the cost of living. It was not only signed by himself as President of the National Farmers' Union, but by G. Ackland Troyte, President of the Central Land Owners' Association!

As I see it, he is going to realise before long that the farmers and the landowners are natural enemies.

Now we all wish Sir Reginald success in his new job.

"Swift and direct action is necessary," he said in his first speech from the Treasury Bench.

Everyone is glad that a new Cabinet Minister has been chosen from the back benches. But I am not optimistic.

Directly Sir Reginald starts the "swift and direct action," pressure will be brought, I have no doubt.

I do not see how a man, untrained in politics, can succeed where Elliot and Morrison, two of the most brilliant of our Cabinet Ministers, have so completely failed.

Soon, Sir Reginald himself, I am afraid, will be going back to the land.

... in the world wrote these pages

U.S.A and G.B.

A. G. Gardiner says that New York's skyscrapers and London's St. Paul's support the peace of the world

IN these days, the fate of the world is in the balance, and the issue depends mainly on the attitude of America. Two anniversaries make it appropriate to ask what that attitude is likely to be.

Next Wednesday the anniversary of Washington's birth will be honoured at Mount Vernon, his home in America, and at Sulgrave Manor in Northamptonshire, from which his family sprang.

And this Spring the 150th anniversary of Washington's first inaugural address to the newly established Congress of the United States of America will be celebrated.

The latter event has a profound significance at this time which Washington himself could not have foreseen, and which only the world upheaval of to-day is revealing to the people on both sides of the Atlantic.

Washington did not foresee it for obvious reasons. When the American colonies won their independence from this country in 1780 they had two main motives in view.

THE ONE WAS TO ESTABLISH THEIR POLITICAL FREEDOM ON THE BASIS OF PERSONAL LIBERTY AND FREE SELF-GOVERNING INSTITUTIONS. THE OTHER WAS TO BE FOR EVER ISOLATED FROM THE BEAR-GARDEN OF THE OLD WORLD, WITH ITS RACIAL ANIMOSITIES, RIVAL DYNASTIES AND CEASELESS WARS.

Isolation was then a feasible policy. Nearly three thousand miles of ocean separated the new republic from the bear-garden.

And distance was distance in those days.

All the marvels of science which have transformed the world since—steam, electricity, the internal-combustion engine, the conquest of the air, ironclads, submarines, telegraphy—were unknown, and for all practical purposes America seemed as secure from attack as if it were in the moon.

BUT even then, to make assurance doubly sure, America warned Europe through the Monroe Doctrine that any attempts by foreign powers at conquest in any part of the Americas would mean war with the United States.

That precaution, I rejoice to say, was taken largely at the suggestion of this country under Canning.

Not only were the United States to be free from "entanglements" with a quarrelsome Europe: the whole of the Western hemisphere, from the frozen north to the frozen south, was to be free from fear of invasion.

It was a noble dream, and for a century and more it was triumphantly realised. In that realisation this country had its part.

Leaving aside the unfortunate war of 1812, which was a mere incident of the Napoleonic drama, the two great English-speaking commonwealths have lived in unbroken amity. There have been many disagreements, but they have always yielded to reason and arbitration.

If you want the measure of the Anglo-American peace, turn to that three-thousand-mile frontier between the United States and Canada.

FOR a century and a quarter there has never been a fort or a gun or a warship over the whole of that vast area.

THE RUSH-BAGOT AGREEMENT OF 1814, BY WHICH THAT MAGNIFICENT ACT OF DISARMAMENT WAS REACHED, REMAINS TO-DAY THE MOST INSPIRING MONUMENT IN THE WORLD OF WHAT NATIONS CAN DO TO ABOLISH WAR WHERE THE WILL TO PEACE IS PRESENT.

The possibility of armed conflict between the two greatest powers on earth is so remote, so unthinkable, that we may say we have blotted out the word "war" from their political vocabulary.

The whole English-speaking world with its dependencies, which represents a third of the globe and much more than a third of its resources, has enjoyed internal peace for more than a century, enjoys it to-day and knows that it will never be broken.

That is the greatest achievement in international statesmanship in history.

And the problem of the world to-day is how that great example can be extended to the whole society of mankind. It must be so extended or the whole society of mankind will lapse into barbarism.

The Anglo-American peace is not due to the mere community of race or language.

Nothing is more mistaken than to regard the United States merely as England "writ large." It is a foreign country, as sensitive to its own interests and its own point of view as our own or as any other.

The peace is due to the basic principles that are common to all the English-speaking communities, whether British or American.

We all believe in freedom as the first essential of civilised life.

We all regard Parliamentary government and representative institutions as the security of that freedom.

We all believe in peace as the only condition of a stable and prosperous world, in the abolition of competitive armaments, the validity of treaties and the settlement of all international differences by reasonable and legal processes instead of by force.

In a word, we all want a world governed by law rather than a world reduced to anarchy by force.

In these respects the Anglo-American peace represents the aspirations of humanity everywhere, in the dictator countries as much as in the free countries.

NEVER were those aspirations so intense as now, when the world stands appalled before the horrors with which the gospel of violence is afflicting the most helpless and defenceless members of the community.

If this tidal wave of barbarism is not stayed it will make an end of all civilised life on the earth.

The fate that has befallen Abyssinia Spain and China is threatening London and Paris, Rome and Vienna to-day.

And, given success, its devastations will not be limited to the old world.

It is not countries or even continents alone that will be doomed. It is the whole structure of mankind, in America and Australasia as much as here, that will be wiped out.

Yet nothing is more certain than this, that if all the forces of the civilised world were mobilised against the barbarians the mere fact would stay the havoc.

We are back to July, 1914. If in that month it had been known in Germany that if she did not accept Sir Edward Grey's proposed conference the whole weight of the United States would be thrown in the scale against her, there would have been no war.

She would not have dared to take so incalculable a risk.

But the doctrine of "isolation" stood in the way, and it was not until two and a half years after that the United States realised that in the modern world there is "isolation" for no country, however remote.

Freedom lives or perishes as a whole, here, there and everywhere.

MUST the tragedy of July, 1914, be repeated now? I do not doubt on which side America will ultimately be found, if the worse comes to the worst.

But the time to strike is now, when the nations can still be saved from the universal carnage that threatens them, and when with one bold warning America can not only save Europe but save herself, and turn the whole current of the world into the channel that the Anglo-American peace has carved for it.

I come back to that first presidential inaugural of Washington just one hundred and fifty years ago. It gives the cue for to-day.

The War of Independence had been won, but the separate States had fallen into chaos and men were beginning to fear, as Washington himself said, that the Revolution had been a curse rather than a blessing.

In despair and under his great leadership the States came together in one federation. The United States of America was born and the peace of America was secured.

A NEW world is being born to-day. Shall it belong to the dictators and end in anarchy, or shall it be united in the spirit of the Anglo-American peace that will bring security and prosperity to all nations?

The decision rests with the English-speaking world.

IT CAN AVERT WAR NOW, AND IT CAN CONSOLIDATE PEACE FOR ALL TIME BY INAUGURATING THAT WORLD STATE WHICH, WHILE PRESERVING THE INTERNAL LIBERTIES OF EACH COUNTRY, ESTABLISHES THE PEACE OF ALL ON A FEDERAL BASIS

He gave a last look at the big house. His eyes drank their fill of its homely thatch

HOUSE of DREAMS

EVEN as a lad John Rawson used to covet the big house on the hill. It was the first thing he saw as he rose every morning and dressed in the bedroom of the little cottage where his father lived, and for him the house always seemed to be alive, to possess a mysterious sentience of its own.

Its windows seemed for him to look out with a glance of kindliness from under the heavy thatch, and its clipped yews to epitomise graciousness, peace and contentment.

When he grew older he went to work in the garden of the big house, and sometimes, when the eye of authority was withdrawn, he would lay aside his spade and surrender himself to the spell of its beauty, to the strange enchantment of its weathered stones, its black and white tracery of beams, the happy disposition of its doors and windows.

And when he took up his spade again he would thrust it fiercely into the soil. "Some day," he would vow, "I'll have this house. It shall be mine. If I have to steal to get it, it shall be mine!"

But that was only John Rawson's way of asserting his determination. No, he would stop short of stealing. But there burned within him a flame of desire which the years could never put out.

The view from its windows was, he thought, peerless in all the world. It looked out across the Weald of Kent, and on a summer's day, with the westerly sun falling in a cloudless sky, the flat landscape put on all the soft colours of a patchwork quilt.

John Rawson could never look on this sight without his heart turning over. And the time came when he no longer said: "Some day I'll have this house." Instead, he asserted, gripping his spade till the muscles bunched on his forearms: "It's my house, it's mine!"

SHORT STORY by Hedley Barker

Spring followed winter, was joined to summer; one year followed another, and presently John Rawson put on the lineaments of a man. He worked in the garden of the big house with a dogged determination, turning the soil, counting the days, the weeks, the months. Always he wore an absorbed look.

After tea he would sit on the rough seat outside the little cottage with his gaze trained ever in the same direction. Sometimes his mother would remonstrate with him.

"NEVER a word does a body get out of you," she would complain. "You just sit and stare like a silly man."

"I've got something to stare at," he would reply.

"One o' they maids up at Yew House? Ye'd be better employed choppin' a few faggots."

"No, it's not a maid I'm staring at," he said, and his chin came out. "There'll be no girl in my life—yet. I'm staring at the house."

"And what for land's sake will ye be staring at the house for? I declare you're like a simple man. Your wits have all gone wandering."

"Have they? I'm just thinking I'll pull down yon garage when I move in."

"When you what!" His mother's jaw dropped. She gaped.

"It's mine!" averred John. "I've written my name on it."

And, indeed, he had. Whitewashing the upper part of the house the week before, he had written his name, high up near the eaves, and had vowed solemnly never to rest until he had the title-deeds.

He saved. Week by week he put away five shillings. He picked up primers, text-books at the neighbouring town of Braileigh for a few coppers, and was conning them laboriously by the light of a candle long after the village was sunk in sleep.

Rawson Rest Houses were not even then a dream. He was not the kind of man who strikes the spark of inspiration from the tinder of circumstance.

HE was slow-moving, slow-thinking. But he was thorough, he was tenacious, he was dogged, and he was developing the inexorable shrewdness of the keen business man.

One day he heard of a near-by farmer who was in a bad way for £50. He drew £50 out of the bank and offered it to the farmer for his growing crop of wheat. The farmer was staggered. The crop, when harvested, would bring in at least double the amount.

"Nay, man," he said, "leave me a quarter of it. Twenty-five pound is good interest, in all conscience."

"All or nothing," said John Rawson. "Take it or leave it."

"It's usury," muttered the farmer.

"It's business," said the other, grim-eyed. "Fifty pound now is worth £100 in the future. You're in a hole. I'm getting you out of it."

"All right. I'll take it," said the farmer. He added sardonically: "You ought to go far, John Rawson."

"I've got to go far," nodded John. And he looked into his mind at the picture of the big house, at his name written thereon, at the lovely Weald so peaceful under the setting sun.

"And," he muttered, "I've got to hurry. A man doesn't live for ever."

When the harvest was over and he had drawn his money, he was ready. He came downstairs one morning dressed in his Sunday suit and carrying a suit-case which he had bought second-hand in Braileigh market. His parents were overcome with surprise. He wasn't the kind of man to discuss his plans with anybody, and this was the first intimation of his departure.

"Why, John," asked his father, "where be you goin'?"

"Aye," nodded his mother, "where, for land's sake?"

"America," said John, briefly.

"Well, I never did," said his father. And his mother echoed: "Never in all my days! And not a word, not a whisper before this minute."

"I shall be back," he told them. "Ten years . . . fifteen."

"And me in the graveyard likely enough," complained his mother. He was her only son.

"You're youngish, yet," he assured her. "You've got a good stretch before you."

His father shook his head. "Nay lad, that's for Providence to say."

John Rawson took a mouthful of bacon. "I shall come back in a motor-car," he promised.

"Well, we can't write to 'ee, neither of us can write to 'ee. We 'aven't 'ad the schoolin'."

"Never mind. I'll keep you informed." He rose suddenly. A fine upstanding

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HOUSE of DREAMS

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man was her son, thought his mother. "Well, good-bye. Trumper's taking me to the station in his trap."

He gave a last look to the big house as they drove past. Fiercely, hungrily, his eyes drank their fill of its homely thatch.

He noted with a pang of wistfulness the kindly glance of its windows, its serenity, its sheltering, welcoming look.

The last he saw of it as he turned in the trap was a plume of smoke standing up still and straight from the chimney. And now he set his face straight ahead. His fixed gaze looked far beyond Brailleigh, far beyond the confines of Kent to the distant places of the earth and to a distant period in time.

TEN, fifteen years. Could he do it?

He landed in New York with seventy pounds, a big, strong, stolid-looking man with hard grey eyes. But his look of stolidity was deceiving. John Rawson hid beneath the exterior of a "hick" a very wideawake brain. No brilliance, but the bulldog proclivity for worrying a bone.

Soon he was worrying the bone of an idea. Rawson Rest Houses. After making a little money in New York he had headed west for the country.

He couldn't stand town life, the air poisoned his system, and the noise worried him sick. There was something else that called him to the country, too—a hunch, a sixth sense that told excitingly of gold to be picked up for the asking.

And here he was, farming a modest acreage, with hikers passing by in scores, in hundreds. Hiking had suddenly attained to a popularity undreamed of.

They overran his farm, demanding milk, eggs, butter, griddle-cakes.

Some of them happened to mention that hostels would fill a growing need. John Rawson looked over a hiker's magazine which one of them left with him, saw the strength of the movement, saw how he could capitalise it.

INSIDE a month he had sold out. Within six weeks he had chosen his building, bought a mortgage on it, and foreclosed. The outgoing tenant pleaded with him. He shook his head.

"It's business," he said.

Rawson's Rest Houses. A good selling caption, that. In five years he had a hundred of them and was doing national advertising. Huge hoardings stood in the gardens. THIS IS A RAWSON REST HOUSE. YOU'RE IN LUCK.

He employed black labour at cut prices. He invited tenders for food contracts and knocked ten per cent. off the lowest. Take it or leave it. It was business.

He rarely slept in one place for two nights running. He was always on the move, driving his high-speed car from one Rawson Rest House to another, putting the fear of God into the managers, bullying the staffs, overlooking everything with an all-seeing eye.

And always, as he drove, he carried in his mind's eye the big house with the lovely view. Three reception-rooms, eight bedrooms, two bathrooms, three acres. He'd need forty thousand pounds invested to run that comfortably.

"Ten years," he muttered to himself as he ate up the miles under a Texas moon. "In ten years I'll do it."

But he did it in under ten years. Eight years after he had left the farm he met an Englishman who represented a syndicate. The syndicate wanted to buy, with the right to use the Rawson caption.

A contract of sale was drawn up whereby John Rawson undertook not to start a similar business in England. The new company might, it was understood, want to do that themselves if a preliminary survey warranted it. The hiking movement at home was advancing by leaps and bounds.

For his freehold property, leaseholds and goodwill John Rawson received £35,000. And now he found that he had been living too intensely. Letting go of things, relaxing the pressure, he found himself the prey of nerves.

The doctor recommended a six months' sea voyage. John Rawson, feeling half-dead, left on the *Almira* for India, China, Japan, the Malay States.

Long days under a flashing sun, thinking with a growing excitement of the colours on the Weald, of the thatched roof looming against the sky at twilight.

And when at last, full of health and high spirits, he took the road into Kent, he could hardly contain his feelings.

HE was coming home in style. A chauffeur. A Rolls-Royce.

When they came to the bottom of the hill he picked up the speaking-tube.

"Stop at the top," he said, "opposite the big house."

Then, with his heart hammering against his ribs, he closed his eyes. He wanted to see the place suddenly, to have it burst on him in its glory all at once.

But when he opened his eyes he flinched as if from a blow in the face. In a flash he put on twenty haggard years.

"Drive on," he muttered. "Drive on, damn you!"

And the car moved slowly away, moved out of the shadow of a monstrous hoarding. *This Is A Rawson Rest House*, it said, *You're In Luck.*

NOT FROM THE B.B.C.

Playtime Panjandrums

What do you do when you've nothing to do?
Do you go for a ride in the Row?
Or, seeking the moors, at the birds have a pot?
Or spend your time cruising about in your yacht?
There's a world congress eager to know.

The right use of leisure it's yearning to teach;
There're all kinds of pleasures that lurk
In hobbies and games you've not sampled, my friend;
So let the kind experts—eh, what's that? You spend
All your leisure time looking for work!

"Organised games are repugnant"

WONDER what has happened to the official bonehead who on the day that the Premier welcomed delegates to the World Congress on Recreation and Leisure released figures showing that our victims of compulsory leisure now number more than two million?

Such tactlessness might have made many a well-meaning congress feel about as useful as an ice-cream vendor in the Arctic Circle. But this one decided to ignore extraneous chilblains and pretend that it was sitting during a heat-wave.

What, though, it hopes to achieve is not clear. It may mean well, but one has a sad suspicion that it would like to see leisure so organised and regimented as to be indistinguishable from work.

To those of us with a genuine talent for loafing the mere thought of organised games is repugnant.

Equally offensive is the idea of guidance in the matter of hobbies. Not that we are against hobbies. On the contrary, we think it would be all to the good if many who now drift aimlessly could be induced to occupy themselves with some hobby, like cigarette smoking.

But what, f'instance, is the use of telling a Sunday journalist of the sweetness-and-light school to take up weight-lifting when he is only happy romping with his doggie among the daffodillies?

But *the* most disquieting feature of the congress was a reference by one of its members to Strength-Through-Joy—a slogan we never read without visions of totalitarian physical jerks and a drill sergeant shouting: "You in the horn-rimmed specs! Be joyous, you miserable squirt, or it's the concentration camp for you!"

In these circs., I feel that someone should tip off the congress before its busybodyism gets the better of it.

Please do not butt in on our leisure,
Advising on hobbies to suit,
In case we should give us the pleasure
Of punching you hard on the snout!

Y. Z.

Fire at Five a.m.

ONLY one piece of coal in the scuttle and half an hour to go before bedtime. The fire has dwindled and the room is chilly.

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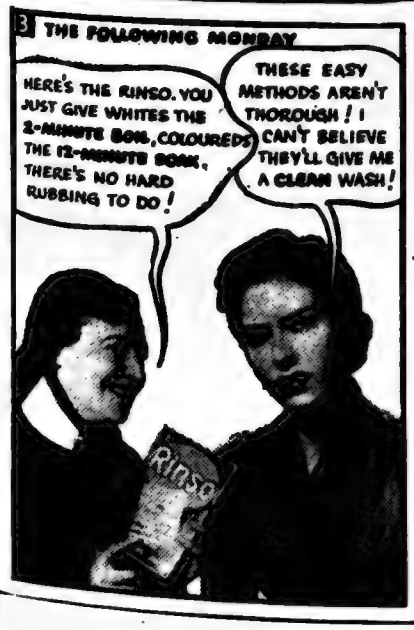
2 SOME DAYS LATER
IT ISN'T BABY, NURSE, IT'S THAT AWFUL RUBBING AND SCRUBBING EVERY WEEK THAT WEARS ME OUT.
OF COURSE IT DOES! BUT THERE'S A SPLENDID NEW WAY TO WASH THAT SAVES ALL THAT DRUDGERY. I'LL SHOW YOU...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4 THAT AFTERNOON
SIMPLY WONDERFUL! I DID NO HARD RUBBING AT ALL, YET EVERYTHING'S BRILLIANT! AND I FEEL BRISK AS ANYTHING! RINSO'S SAVED ME 30 MINUTES' FUEL, TOO!
WELL, HOW DID THE WASH TURN OUT?

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He Wants to Get Married

It seems I shall go on like this to the end

Yet Poverty Dooms Him to Loneliness

IT is easy to make cheap wise-cracks about marriage—especially when you get as many letters as I do from people who are longing to marry but cannot, and from married people who wish they were single again.

One has to remember all the time that unhappiness shouts aloud, whereas happiness lies low and says nothing.

I feel a good deal of sympathy for the man who writes as follows:

"I am in constant employment in a poorly paid job with no hope of advancement. My home is a good one, which I share with my widowed mother and brother. Yet I am very unhappy.

"I am only human and have all the natural desires of other men for a home of my own, the companionship and comforting influences of the right woman, happiness at a fireside that really belongs to me.

"Yet I am denied these simple wants because I cannot afford them. Of course, one hears of people marrying on pitifully small wages, but I take life seriously and would not dream of asking any woman to marry unless a reasonable standard of comfort and security was assured.

"It seems to me that I shall go on like this, single and lonely, to the end. What consolation can you offer me? Please don't tell me that things may improve or advise me to join a club. Things never do improve that way, and a club is no substitute for marriage. I can see no way of getting a better job, yet I cannot be contented in my present position.

"Perhaps you may be able to see the matter from a different angle, and it is in this hope that I am writing. I shall be deeply grateful for a reply."

A desire for love and marriage is a natural instinct. If it is frustrated by economic conditions there is bound to be unhappiness. Human nature is at war with our industrial civilisation.

I should never dream of recommending a club as a substitute. One might as well tell a hungry child to cultivate a hobby!

The man, it seems, must either improve his position or sacrifice his standard of comfort. The first is impossible and he is not willing to do the second.

There is one other solution: he must marry a girl who is already earning a salary and who will go on earning for two or three years at least. Hundreds of young people marry on this basis nowadays.

I know there is an outcry when a married couple both work for a living. But if the only alternative is to remain an unmarried couple, both earning, no one is a penny the worse.

It is true they will not be able to afford children for a while; but here again, if they don't marry, the children will still be missing. An empty cradle is not worse than no cradle at all.

Here is a very tough problem:

"About a year ago I found out that my wife had been unfaithful to me, and when I taxed her she simply walked out and left me with two children, aged six and four.

"My parents looked after the children for me, but the kiddies fretted for their mother so much that it made them both ill.

"A month ago my wife asked me to give her another chance for the children's sake. The other man had been killed in an accident. She was expecting a baby by him.

"The children are always asking for her, even if she goes out shopping, and I think if they were left again it would break their hearts.

"My wife says she will stay or go, whichever I decide, and I don't know what to do. Is there any way I could settle it without anybody suffering?"

I AM afraid somebody is bound to suffer, but I don't like to think it will be the children. They are innocent and should not be punished.

It is hard to forgive a mother for leaving two young children; but we do not know the whole story.

The husband may have failed her badly. Or she may be the victim of some romantic illusion inspired by films and novelettes.

What can the man do? It depends upon how "big" he is. If he has a generous heart and an understanding mind he may be able to forgive and forget.

But if he will never forgive in full, if the memory of his wife's lapse will go on poisoning his life, he had better arrange a separation and let the children remain with their mother.

A half-hearted forgiveness is useless. Better make a clean break of it. But I hope it won't be necessary.

ANOTHER letter of confession is from a wife who, although not technically guilty of unfaithfulness, did let her husband down. And apparently he can't bring himself to forgive her.

"I am living in a very lonely place and have no chance of a little enjoyment. My husband had a friend, and it was bad luck that this man started making love to me, and for the sake of a little novelty and adventure I did not check him as I should have done. It was a big mistake. My husband had been growing cool towards me at this time, and that made me lose my head and encourage his friend. I wrote one or two letters to him. Then, without any actual reason, this man told my husband all.

"I never was really alone with the man, and I never became his mistress; but the way he explained things to my husband made me appear guilty of the worst.

"My husband believed every word and was terribly angry. He would not give me a chance to defend myself."

The writer admits that she did wrong in "playing with fire," and her brief infatuation has ruined what might have been a happy married life.

She loves her husband very dearly and says she always will, but she has lost his love through her folly.

The letter ends:

"What can I do to bring him back to me?"

There would be no good purpose served by scolding her. She knows she did wrong and has repented bitterly. She is doing all she can to convince her husband of her sincerity, but he cannot bring himself to forgive her.

Forgiveness is never more difficult than when a man's self-esteem has received a blow.

If he could forget himself and his wrongs for a moment and try to see his wife's point of view he might feel less bitter.

If I had been in that husband's place I should have asked my friend precisely why he told me all those things instead of stopping the affair himself.

There was something very queer in the whole business. The fault is rarely all on one side.

When a husband can't forgive his wife, or a wife can't forgive her husband, there is usually wounded self-love as the real explanation.

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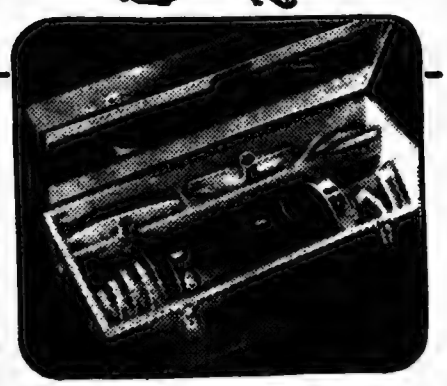

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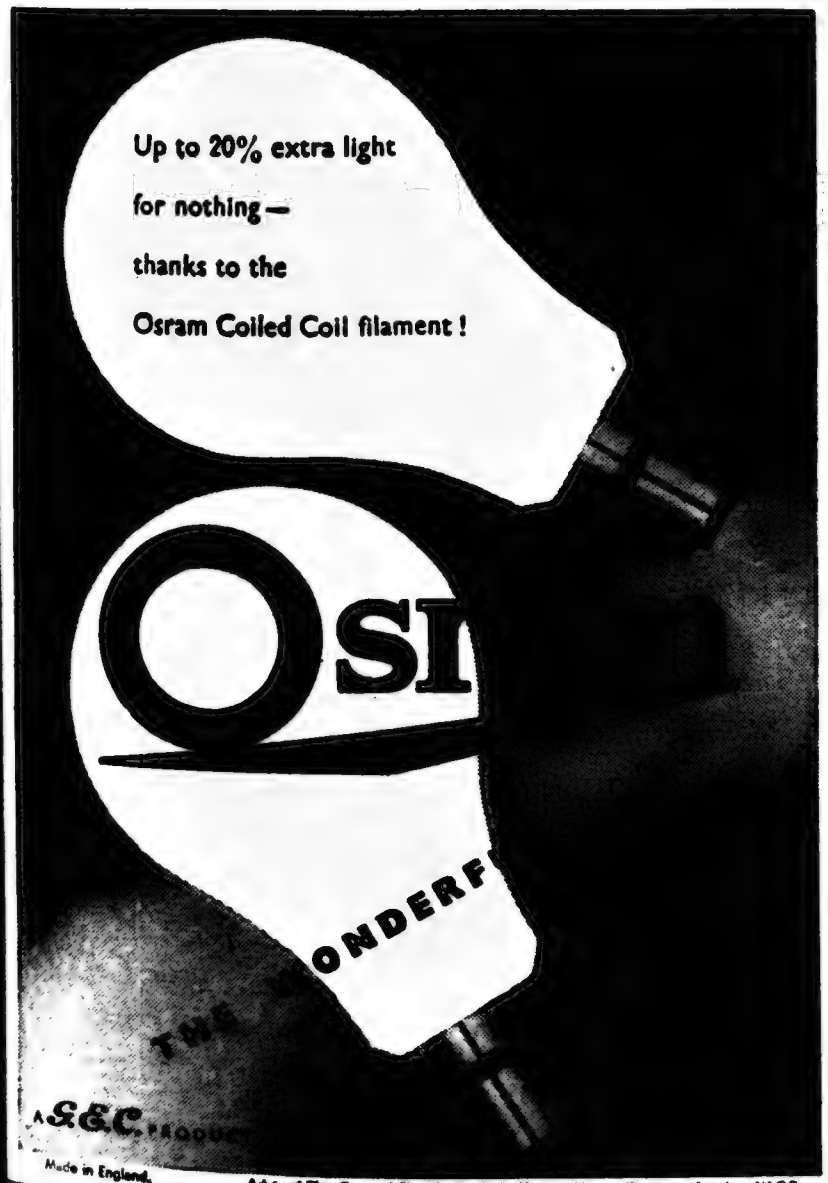

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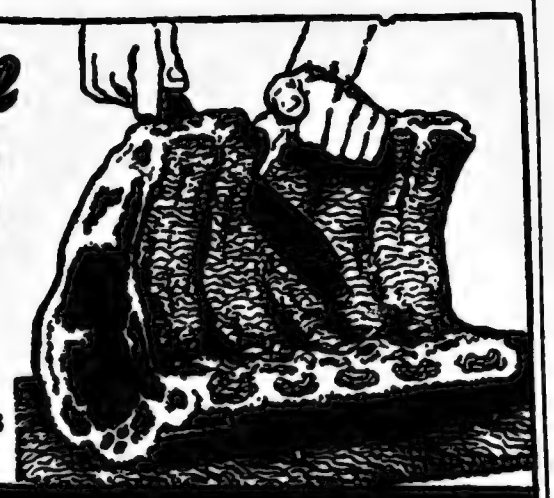

Foster Clark's Soups

A slip may mean not only lifelong disability for him, but starvation for his family

"There's Been an Accident—"

It will be nearly five years before Parliament could give effect to its findings. And Parliament has never shown itself disposed to give effect to any recommendations regarding the men and women who are the casualties of the industrial battlefield.

In the next five years 13,000 workmen will have been killed and 2,500,000 injured in industrial accidents—and compensation, if there is any at all, will be on a scale which every authority that has considered the subject describes as outrageously unfair.

PARLIAMENT presented us with a rare moment last week when Members of all Parties were moved to blazing anger in a common cause.

No wonder. There were facts revealed about our wickedly out-of-date Workmen's Compensation Acts that are a disgrace to the name of Britain.

The House of Commons was told how, when good workmen who had always kept their wives and families in reasonable comfort were killed in industrial accidents, the worth of those husbands had been assessed at 19s. a week.

It was told how a value of £25 had been put on the life of a pit pony—and £15 on the life of a pit boy.

No wonder the Government, contesting the demand that it should provide immediate legislation to give workmen a fairer deal, escaped defeat by only one vote!

Well, it was sheltering under the excuse that the whole matter was being investigated by a Royal Commission.

It pretended that when the Commission reported some of its recommendations would no doubt be put into effect.

Do you believe that? Don't answer before you have heard these facts:

That Royal Commission to investigate the injustices under workmen's compensation was appointed last June.

Not until December were the names of its members announced.

In January—last month—the public heard first news of it. It was being held up by lack of evidence!

We can tell it why.

IN 1920 the Holman Gregory Committee went over the whole ground, and showed just as much righteous indignation as Parliament did last week.

Since 1920, Departmental Committee after Departmental Committee has considered one section or another of workmen's compensation injustices.

In any case, this new Royal Commission won't report for two years.

WE BEG TO REPORT—5

Weary of waiting for the "Cobweb Commissions," JOHN BULL exposes this week the disgraces of

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

"There's been an accident!" Picture the scene. It happens in workshops 1,500 times a day.

A man lies by his machine dead, or unconscious, or groaning with agony. His workmates bend over him.

For wives who may have felt four good British pounds fall in their laps every week, whose children have known the security of sound clothing and footwear, the satisfaction of good food—there will be nothing save what value the law puts upon that stricken husband.

For complete incapacitation the broken man is entitled to half his average earnings—with an absolute maximum of 30s. a week.

Note that word *average*.

A man may have earned such good money for years that his family has been enabled to live up to a high standard. But he might have had his first taste of "short time" in the months immediately preceding the accident.

In such circumstances, men normally earning £5 a week have been palmed off with less than a pound a week when rendered unfit for any future work.

In the last complete year for which statistics are available, 2,286 men and women were killed and 460,000 injured in the twenty main industries of the nation.

The average amount paid for death was £289. Think of that when you read of damages of thousands of pounds for "shock" in a road accident.

The average amount paid for total and permanent incapacitation was £102.

The family often considers itself lucky to get such meagre compensation as that!

Except in the mining industry, it isn't necessary for an employer to insure against the possibility of accidents to his workers.

TIME and time again the families of men killed in industry have seen the employers go bankrupt, have said "Good-bye" to any chance of getting a penny for the husband or father they have lost.

On dozens of occasions, unscrupulous solicitors have rushed to the victims of industrial accidents, pressed a few shillings in their hands and obtained a receipt.

Time and again the Courts have had to hold that when an injured workman accepts, say, 10s. as a first payment, he can never demand more than 10s. a week. Judges have been infuriated at having to perpetrate such injustice in the name of Law—and you won't marvel at that.

Again, a wealthy company informs a workman that a doctor regards him as fit for light duty.

The medical examination can be, and often is, quite inadequate. Yet that man, drawing at the very most 30s. a week, must accept the fact that he is fit for light duty, no matter how ill he feels, unless he can raise two guineas to contest it.

Where's the two guineas coming from, when you are on a sick-bed, and your family is living on shillings?

The industry in which that injured man is engaged may have nothing in the way of "light duty" for anybody.

So the workman has to accept a reduced rate of compensation without the faintest hope of earning a ha'penny.

More terrible still is this scandal: If a workman's accident is due to some mistake on the part of a fellow-workman he cannot claim for his injuries under Workmen's Compensation, nor his family in regard to his death.

A BUS driver crushed against the wall of his garage by another man's bus falls into this category. Not a penny piece for him!

Yet again, a man who suffers a slight injury and returns to work can't claim anything if that injury leads to grave complications—unless he has taken an expensive legal precaution.

So the Royal Commission is short of evidence, is it? There's no need for it to bother.

A million men injured in the last two years, the relatives of nearly 6,000 killed in the same period, can tell the Government all it wants to know.

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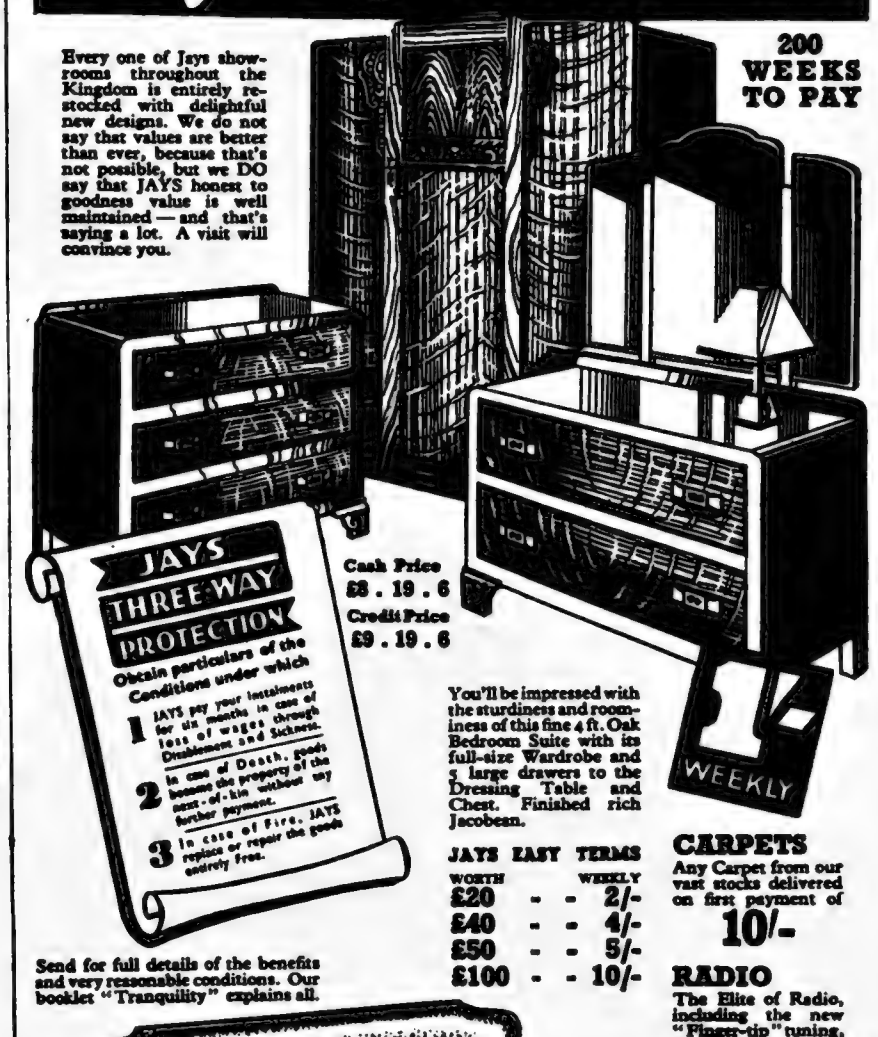
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As darkness fell "Sally" disappeared beneath the waves

FRIDAY the Thirteenth

MY sweetheart from boyhood was the sea. And when I married Helen she knew.

She knew how I hated my job as a bank clerk, how I rebelled against the narrowness of it all.

As the monotonous days jogged colourlessly on she knew that the sea had become an obsession.

And she helped—by sharing my day dreams.

I had told her of the long struggle with my parents, of my victory when at last they gave me permission to go to sea. She had understood my despair when I found that I was slightly colour-blind.

For that had barred my chances of ever making a living out of the sea.

I had settled down to work at the bank. But I lived in day dreams.

Together Helen and I sailed to adventure-land. We collected books of travel, maps, charts—everything that gave reality to our trips by the fireside.

There was something odd about our make-believe. I scarcely thought of it at the time—but whenever we decided to voyage in the Mediterranean, east of Marseilles, something stopped us.

You know how it sometimes happens with a job about the house. "I'll fix that curtain-rail on Saturday afternoon," you say. And on Saturday afternoon the Thomsons ask you out to a tennis party. Next time it's a film you must see and in the end you have to get a man in to do the job.

I MIGHT have thought more about this Mediterranean hoodoo, but something happened to destroy the whole of our dream life for ever.

An aunt died and left me a legacy handsome enough to enable us to change to reality.

For a while, as though by mutual consent, Helen and I avoided the subject so near our hearts. One morning our eyes met. I had been devouring a yachting paper.

"Here's the very thing!" I exclaimed. "You and I are going to Plymouth tomorrow. Can you guess what for?"

"Of course," she smiled. "And I can guess it will mean the Mediterranean!"

She was a sea-going ketch, old, but very comfortable.

Her name was *Sally*, and the day came when we set out to roam the world over.

I was lucky to get old Tom Heywood, a Cornishman and a fine seaman, and his son Chris, a lad of twenty, as crew. Tom had sailed the Seven Seas and knew all the tricks of Father Neptune.

Like most sailors he was superstitious.

When I decided to sail on a Friday he was uneasy and shook his head. When he found it was the 13th of the month he had to speak.

"Friday is a bad day, Mr. Douglas, pardon me saying so," he said, "I'd lief it was Saturday."

I smiled: "Superstitious, Tom?"

"Aye, mebbe. Nothin' good ever came out of a Friday. *Sally* is a good boat, but she's seen her best. It don't do to tempt Providence.

But Friday, the 13th, it was. We were itching to be off, and saw no use in kicking our heels round Plymouth on a lovely day with a perfect breeze.

All went well. We sailed, still in glorious weather, slowly along the French coast, across the Bay of Biscay, to Portugal, putting in here and there as the mood took us. *Sally* behaved like a perfect lady. Helen and I were enchanted.

AT last we anchored in Marseilles. We saw all the sights we had read about. It was heaven.

Even the weather was on our side. With a pleasant south-westerly breeze and scarcely a ripple on the deep blue sea, we set *Sally's* nose for the Straits of Bonifaccio, thence onward to the Greek Islands—our Mediterranean!

Old Tom was at the helm whilst we chatted about the spots we intended to visit. He had been amused by our make-believe voyages.

"I s'pose you mapped all this out, marm, in them dream travels of yourn," he said that evening.

"Strangely enough, Tom," I interposed, "we never did. We intended to though."

"Yes, something always cropped up at the last moment and stopped us," agreed Helen. "It was almost like Fate, wasn't it, Mike?"

"Ordinary things, too," I said. "Someone would telephone and want to come round, or would ask us to go and play bridge, or drop in unexpectedly for a chat."

"H'm," grunted Tom. He said no more but looked around him. The horizon looked grey. A sudden gust of wind from the opposite quarter caused *Sally* to heel over. Before us lay an expanse of water and no ships in sight.

Another violent gust. Almost before we were aware of it a furious gale struck us. The sea began to lash into great choppy waves. We turned and ran before it with only a shortened foresail. A terrible blast tore the sail to ribbons.

CHRIS struggled vainly to start our auxiliary engine. It had never failed us before. Now it was dead.

Tom looked worried and threw on his oilskins.

I seized Helen by the arm and pulled her towards the cabin.

"Mike," she cried, "Do you think its . . . because we have come east of Marseilles . . . ?"

Tom heard her.

"Mebbe it is," he shouted through the gale. "Get inside and pray for all you're worth."

The cabin was becoming flooded. Already water rose well over our ankles. I tried to cheer Helen, but the screaming of the wind, the pounding of the seas as the yacht was struck fore and aft, and the frightening plunges as she wallowed in the trough or was hurled up by fresh monstrous waves, made attempts at consolation a farce.

I laid Helen on a settee and gave her a spot of brandy to calm her and had one myself. I saw that the water was rising rapidly. We had sprung a leak.

Chris opened the cabin door and all the blasts of hell rushed in. "Pump," he yelled. "she's foundering. Pump for your life!"

I worked feverishly, but with all my efforts the water slowly gained on us. It was now lapping the settee.

We both knew that *Sally* couldn't ride the storm. We were slowly sinking.

Suddenly old Tom raised a shout.

"Ship a-hoy! A-hoy—y!"

The short staccato blast of a ship's siren replied. We were seen. A tramp steamer, British, half-hidden in the mountainous seas, wallowed across our path and began to manœuvre.

It was no easy task to rescue us. No ship's boat could be lowered in that sea and it took a full hour—it seemed a lifetime—before she was able to throw a line and haul us in close enough to get us aboard. We were dragged up more dead than alive.

As darkness fell, *Sally* disappeared beneath the waves.

For two days Helen was delirious through exposure and shock. All the time she mumbled "Friday . . . 13th . . . east of Marseilles."

At last she came to, and when I told her we were safe on a British steamer bound for Falmouth, she clutched my hand.

"Mike," she whispered, "we were warned. It was Destiny . . . and we defied it."

East of Marseilles had been our day dream. While we both have memory it will be our nightmare.

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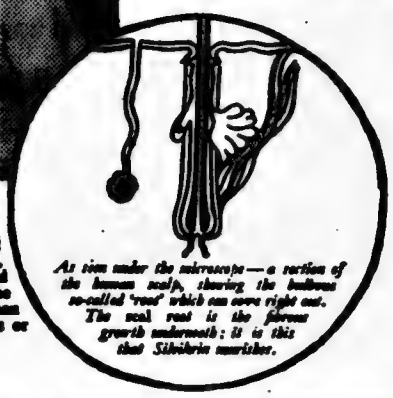

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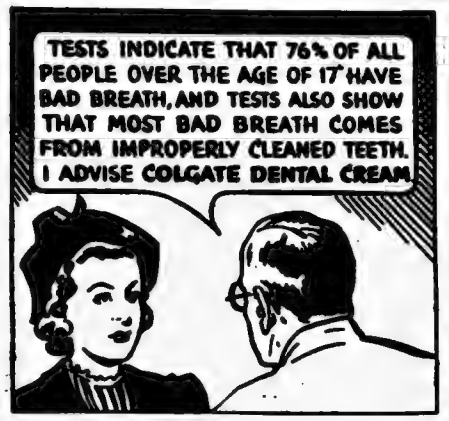
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What is Society's minimum obligation towards it—now and throughout its life?

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Economists say, presenting figures from which we take an average, that the minimum cost of maintaining that child's physical efficiency in a good working-class home is .... **6s. a Week**

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That is the amount the State will allow if father dies, and mother is forced to live on the widow's pension.

But suppose mother dies, too, and the baby is forced to enter a workhouse. Authority, racking its brain as hard as it can, rarely devises any method of keeping it on less than ..... **30s. a Week**

There are other possibilities, of course. Its father may not die, may remain unemployed and drawing 3s. a week for it. If war comes, and it has to be sent to somebody in the country, that somebody will be allowed in respect of its keep .... **10s. a Week**

Or there may be no war. Father might land a well-paid job. If the child turns out so naughty that the law sends it to a place of punishment, the State may spend up to £2 a week on it, of which it may demand that father subscribes .. **15s. a Week**

What laughable disparities, you might say. But wait a minute. That child grows up. As a single man, say the experts—again taking their average figure — that child should have at least .... **26s. a Week**

But let him fall out of work. The State tells him to live on .... **17s. a Week**

Not, of course, that the State itself can keep him on any such sum. There are times when it has to try. When, for instance, the citizen goes wrong and is committed to prison, where the State finds that it cannot keep him on less than .... **£2 10s. a Week**

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In the last few items we have been supposing that the person we have under review was born a boy. But suppose she were a girl, had now grown up to be a wife. She will be allowed by the P.A.C., as the wife of an unemployed man, just .. **10s. a Week**

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Anyhow, there is time now to ruminate on other subjects. On dogs, for example.

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To start with, you've got to be willing to admit that you can be wrong. You've got to be ready and unashamed to admit that you have been wrong.

For this is the essential of what we call learning from experience—and experience is the only teacher of wisdom.

Next, you have got to be capable of realising that yesterday belongs to the past. What you have done, you have done.

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Things are now what they are, not what they were—so forget yesterday and concentrate on to-day. Unless you can forget the past, live the present and look out into the future, you are no wiser than you were.

One of the essentials of wisdom is to realise that a man cannot stand still and go forward at the same time.

Many of us have a fatal facility for enjoying remorse and regret and grief about the past. It is a bad thing. It serves no useful purpose. It is always a brake on action and a drag on progress. Someone once called it an "indulgence," and said it was "a somewhat vicious form of spiritual pleasure"—and he was right.

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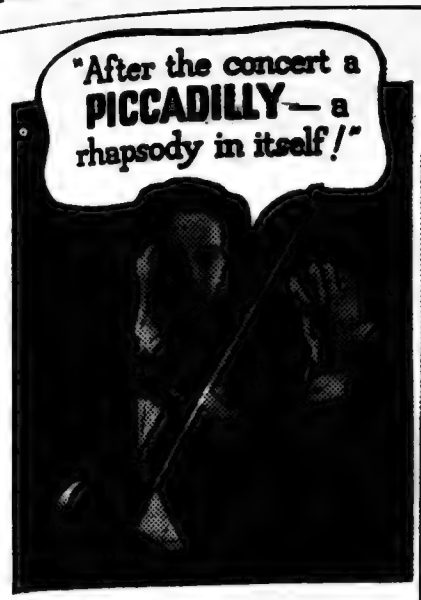

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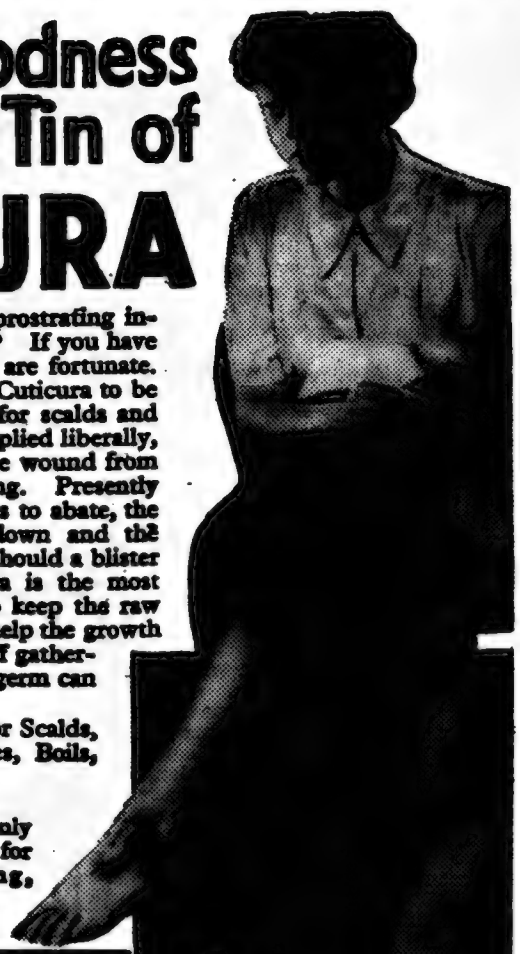

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His protests were in vain; she decreed that the old woman must be murdered!

A LARGE, wet parcel lay on the grass at the side of the Muhlendamm Lock in Berlin.

It was wrapped in an old brown shawl and a piece of blue cloth similar to that used in upholstery work.

And it contained the torso of a woman.

Kommissar Muller, of the Berlin Polizei, shuddered as he looked down at it.

"Where did you find this?" he asked of the engineer-in-charge of the Lock.

"It was in the river against the weir," the engineer explained.

"Franz Kipmann and I saw it there while we were making a tour of inspection. We hooked it out with a stick and . . . Well, there you are!"

Muller beckoned to his assistant.

"You'd better make arrangements to have the river dragged!" he ordered. "Don't forget to look below the weir—you may find the other parts of the body! And tell off two parties to search the banks.

"There's just a chance they might be able to find the spot where this torso was thrown in! And then, I think, you'd better get written statements from these fellows. The Murder Commission will require them when it gets here!"

But the Muhlendamm Murder Commission did not prove of very great help to Muller.

The expert chemist reported that there was house dust in the old, brown shawl as if it had been left lying in a closed cupboard for some time. That a single brown hair which he found on it came from the head of a woman of about thirty years of age.

And that the blue upholstery material had been woven with thirty-eight fibres per strand and with a left-hand twist of three complete turns per centimetre!

THE doctor added that it was impossible to deduce the victim's age from the torso—the bones appeared to be those of a fairly elderly person, while the tenderness of the flesh suggested that she was still very young.

Further, he could not even hazard a guess at the approximate time of death. It might have been two days before. And it might have been twenty.

"The remains are impregnated with formaldehyde," he told the Kommissar. "That makes any estimate of the time of death very unreliable. There's a chance the formaldehyde might have come from embalming fluid. In which case your torso was probably thrown into the river by medical students as a joke!"

"I can't agree with you on that point, Herr Doktorr," Muller responded. "That woman's arms were lopped off about three inches below the armpits.

"A person with any medical knowledge at all would have cut through the joints. Because that would make their job ten times easier!

"Have you found anything else?"

"Yes. We discovered the fragment of a broken tooth about two inches above the entrance to the abdomen. If the torso does not represent a students' rag, then it seems the woman may have been killed by blows on the head.

"I'd suggest that one of the blows splintered some teeth. She swallowed involuntarily, and was killed by a succeeding blow which was delivered before that fragment had time to enter the stomach!"

Muller thought this over for a moment.

"I should like to make a suggestion, Herr Doktorr. We must fix the approximate age of that woman before we can hope to get far.

"And if you were to make a microscopic examination of the condition of the cells of the flesh, it might help us.

"I'd appreciate it if you'd send that tooth fragment to a dental expert also. He may be able to estimate the age from that!"

FORTUNATELY they were able to do so.

After further examinations, the doctor and the dentist decided that the torso must have been that of a sixty-year-old woman.

In the meantime, Muller's men had dragged the River Spree thoroughly. But they were unable to find any more parts of the body. Or anything that pointed to the identity of the murderer.

The Kommissar went to see Oscar Trettin, the Director of Criminal Investigation.

"I'm afraid we're up against a tough case, Herr Direktor," he said. "We've got absolutely nothing with which to establish the identity of that woman.

"I've tried to trace both the shawl and the blue upholstery material. But no one's been able to recognise it so far.

"I'd like your permission to exhibit them in the window of one of the Berlin stores. Perhaps someone might happen to recognise them if we do."

But even this move was destined to turn out a failure.

MULLER got no further with the case until six weeks later.

On April 10, 1923, one of his colleagues sent him a note that a Frau Minna Stablein, of the Bruckenstrasse, had been making enquiries about the disappearance of a sixty-year-old friend, Frau Maria Rochling, who had vanished on the night of February 20—six days before the torso was fished out of the Muhlendamm Lock!

The Kommissar had run down nearly thirty similar tips since he started.

But this time his luck was in!

"Frau Rochling was a very good friend of mine," the woman explained in answer to his questions. "And I know she'd never go away suddenly without telling me where she was going. Or at least sending me a letter as soon as she could.

"She never mentioned anything about moving when I spoke to her on the 19th.

"Yet, when I went to her flat next morning she'd vanished. And so had all her furniture! Her keys were hanging on the key-board in the hall!"

"And you've heard nothing of her since?"

"Nothing, except that Frau Ladestock, from upstairs, tells me her husband met Frau Rochling in the Frederickstrasse about three weeks ago.

"She's supposed to have sent me a message that she was quite all right and would call around when she could.

"Frau Ladestock tells me she went away because she was in trouble with the police over some money!"

"Do you, yourself, happen to know

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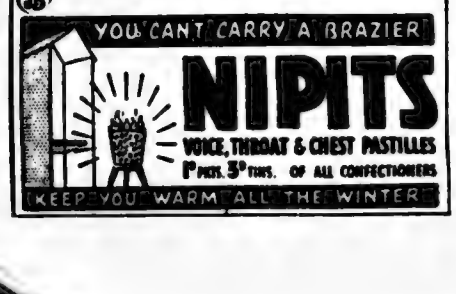
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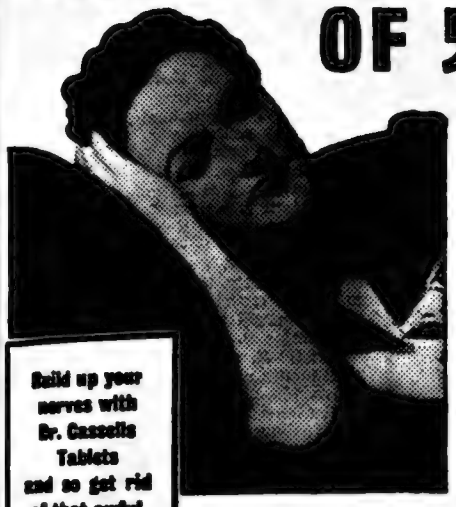

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Poolex Says:

Don't Back the NUMBERS!

SYSTEMS, systems, systems! Every day they grow in number.

It is estimated there are 6,000,000 people regularly going in for pools—and I am sure the number of systems must total something like the same number.

In the course of a week I get enough of them sent in to me to fill this page ten times over, although not more than one in ten of them would be any good in practice.

Some are good, and these I publish. Others need considerable research on my part, and all too often prove disappointing.

Of them all, there are two ideas which crop up nearly every week, both concerned with backing certain numbers on the coupon! A mistaken policy, as I have told you so often before—yet still they come.

Here are two letters I received this week. Says reader No. 1:—

"I have kept a record of the 10-results nothing-barred pool for this season to date. I find that certain numbers on the coupon (he quotes them) produce far more 1's than other numbers. My idea is to take the 12 best numbers and group them in several lines of 10 homes."

Compare this with the following:—

"This is how I pick my penny pool bankers. I take each line in turn and note the six which have had the fewest 1's in preceding weeks. These are my home bankers, because I think that home wins are due to occur on these lines soon."

Notice the difference? One punter takes the lines where 1's have been frequent and expects the glut of 1's to continue. The other takes the lines where 1's have been fewest and expects them to change. Two opposite deductions from the same facts—*both of them wrong*!

There is absolutely no connection between one week's results and another week, so far as the numbers on the coupons are concerned; I am quite convinced of this, and yet to prove it beyond doubt I have patiently checked hundreds of lines and never found the slightest connection between successive weeks' results other than sheer chance.

I have dealt with these ideas strongly, because I want to save my readers from wasting their time and money on these misleading theories. Once again I say that the punter who really tries to *forecast* results stands the best chance of success.

POOLS FANS

This is your page—say what you like, ask what you want to know about your winter hobby. If you have a problem to be solved or an opinion to express concerning football pools, write to "Poolex," Pools Parliament, 93, Long Acre, W.C.2.

Systematic Winner

I am pleased to tell you that your articles, in conjunction with the Graded Guide, have given me my first win—in the points pool. Previously I had speculated haphazardly and never won a "sausage." This clearly proves the value of method

Now I keep a book and paste in all your tables and hints for reference and use. I now propose to have a go at the three-draws pool, and should be glad of some entry-tables, please.—B. G. T., Nottingham.

Glad to hear that this page has helped you to win. Here are some three-draw tables for your note-book. Table A allows for one error in four selections, Table B for one in five, Table C for two in six, and Table D for two in seven:—

Table A.

x	x	x	—
x	x	—	x
x	—	x	x
—	x	x	x

Table B.

x	x	—
x	—	x
—	x	—
x	—	x
—	x	x

Table C.

x	x	x	—	—	—
x	—	—	—	x	x
x	—	x	x	—	—
—	x	—	x	x	—
—	x	—	x	—	x
—	—	x	—	x	x

Table D.

x	x	x	—	—	—
x	—	—	x	—	—
x	—	—	—	x	—
—	x	—	x	—	—
—	x	—	—	—	x
—	—	x	x	—	—
—	—	x	—	x	—
—	—	x	—	—	x

Graded Guide Query

In your Graded Guide you give two forecasts for each match. Will you explain how you arrive at these forecasts, or is it a system of your own?—J. J. T., Wigan.

It is my own forecasting system, and I cannot give you all the details as it is a fairly complicated job. Briefly, my first forecast is the "form" result, as revealed by the recent performances of the teams, and taking into account the strength of their opponents in previous weeks.

The second forecast is my decision as to whether a draw or a complete reversal of "form" is likely, if the expected result does not occur.

You have probably noticed that some teams either play to form or the complete opposite, while others just play slightly below standard and draw when they ought to win My second forecast endeavours to take these vagaries into account.

Extra Lines

You often recommend systems which take more lines than are given on the coupon. How should these be entered?—W. B. T., Salford.

The pool rules provide that "coupons or plain paper may be used for additional forecasts." If your entry requires more lines than are given on one coupon, you can enter the extra lines according to this rule.

Small investors in the pools should study the "Sporting Life Weekly" every Saturday for the special penny entries designed by "Poolex." This is one of many useful features included in the "Weekly's" comprehensive pools service.

Graded Guide and Pools Chart

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BELOW are the games to be played on Saturday, February 18.

Likely home winners on form are at the top of the list, next come the more evenly matched teams, and at the end are likely away winners.

As an additional guide, column A shows whether the home team (1) or the away team (2) has the advantage on recent form. Column B gives the next-best forecast as an alternative, whilst column C gives a warning asterisk (*) where results in past years suggest form may be upset.

In pools where a choice is given, avoid games marked *: cover fully, if possible (1—x—2), in pools where each match has to be forecast.

February 18, 1939.	A	B	C
1 Southport v. Accrington	1	x	
2 Wolves v. Leeds	1	2	
3 Rangers v. Clyde	1	2	
4 Sheffield W. v. Southampton	1	x	
5 Arsenal v. Chelsea	1	x	
6 Derby v. Birmingham	1	2	
7 Torquay v. Exeter	1	2	
8 Crewe v. Stockport	1	2	
9 Motherwell v. St. Mirren	1	x	*
10 Grimsby v. Middlesbrough	1	2	
11 Watford v. Mansfield	1	x	
12 Northampton v. Reading	1	x	
13 Blackburn v. Burnley	1	2	*
14 Crystal P. v. Walsall	1	x	
15 West Ham v. Notts F.	1	x	
16 Hearts v. Celtic	1	x	
17 Sunderland v. Leicester	1	2	*
18 Swansea v. Norwich	1	x	
19 Bristol C. v. Bournemouth	1	2	
20 Manchester C. v. Plymouth	1	x	
21 Everton v. Bolton	1	2	
22 Chesterfield v. W.B.A.	1	x	
23 Wrexham v. Barrow	1	2	
24 Fulham v. Tottenham	1	x	
25 Rotherham v. Oldham	1	x	
26 Rochdale v. Halifax	1	2	
27 York v. New Brighton	1	2	
28 Notts C. v. Bristol R.	1	x	
29 Dunfermline v. Alloa	1	2	
30 Aston V. v. Leicester	1	2	
31 Clapton O. v. Cardiff	1	2	
32 Darlington v. Hull	1	x	
33 Gateshead v. Chester	2	1	
34 Doncaster v. Barnsley	2	x	
35 Newport v. Ipswich	2	1	
36 Carlisle v. Lincoln	2	1	*
37 Port Vale v. Q.P.R.	2	1	
38 Swindon v. Southend	2	x	
39 Tranmere v. Newcastle	2	x	*
40 Portsmouth v. Preston N.E.	2	x	
41 Bradford v. Luton	2	1	
42 Buckie T. v. Third Lanark	2	x	
43 Bury v. Coventry	2	x	
44 Falkirk v. Aberdeen	2	1	
45 Huddersfield v. Charlton	2	1	
46 Aldershot v. Brighton	2	x	
47 Hartlepools v. Bradford C.	2	1	
48 Blackpool v. Manchester U.	2	1	
49 Millwall v. Sheffield U.	2	1	
50 Brentford v. Stoke	2	x	*

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"SILVER RING'S" CODE.

The Code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, February 16, to Wednesday, February 22.

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In place of the letters or figures advertised in the *Sporting Life* and *Daily Herald* read those above or below, as the case may be. Example:

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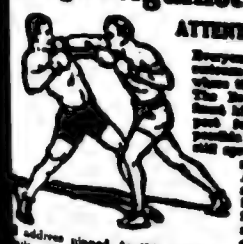

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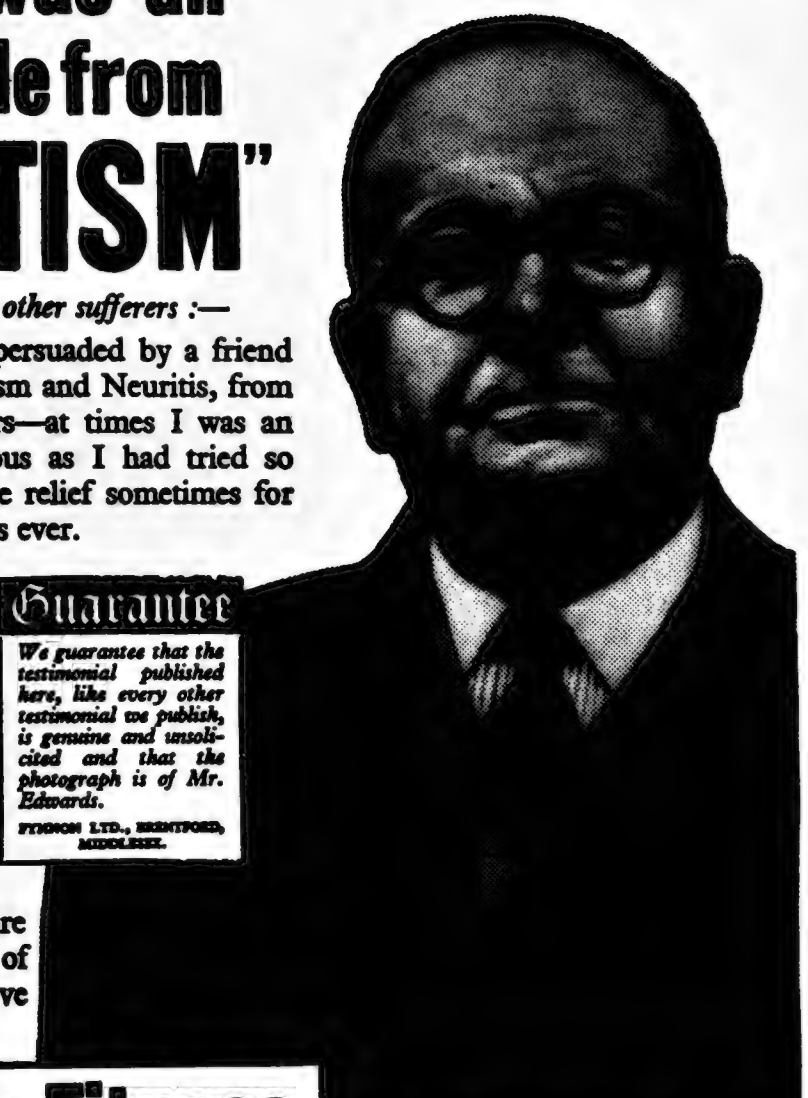

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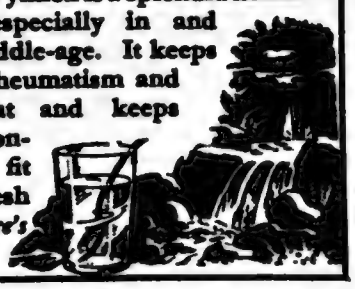

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2.—Each entrant is limited to 8 sixpenny entries, each on an Entry Form provided in this or any other announcement of this Contest.

No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered, or mislaid, and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Should any single letter square be left blank, contain a letter which is not clear, or altered, or not given in ink, the corresponding properly indicated letter on Entry-square alongside will be regarded as entrant's intended letter for both Entry-squares. If entrant's answer cannot be so decided, or such flaws occur in more than one letter square, Entry-square concerned will be disqualified, as will any mutilated coupon.

4.—Winner and winning Puzzle Square will appear in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, March 9. Should any competitor not announced as a winner believe that he entered a coupon eligible for a share of the First Prize he must demand a scrutiny by first post, Tuesday, March 14, in accordance with the directions given with result and enclosing £1 Scrutiny Fee. Any such scrutiny which may amend the result must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the Runners-up Prize or Surprise Awards. Accordingly entries are accepted only on condition that the result of our double adjudication establishing these winners is regarded as final. Merit is established according to the total number of Answers to Clues, both Across and Down, which agree with the winning Puzzle Square.

5.—Should the First Prize be shared, £250 cash will be paid instead of the Pension Award.

6.—Failure to comply with any of the Rules and Conditions involves disqualification.

7.—Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and members of their families are not eligible to compete.

Terms and Conditions on page 39.

6 BIG CHEQUES WON IN CROSSWORD No. 140.

In connection with "John Bull" Crossword No. 140 the Adjudication Committee decided that the entrants who indicated the most meritorious Sets of Answers for one Square (see on right) were the following six competitors:—

MRS. GLENNISON, 23, Lansdowne Rd., Flixton, Lancs.
F. C. CRAVEN, 5, Bamslit, Stanley, Co. Durham.
MRS. I. JENKINS, 9, Florence Rd., Bow Common, E.3.14.
MRS. J. G. MATTHEW, 158, Gaywood Rd., King's Lynn, Norfolk.
S. E. VALLANCE, 123, Liverpool Rd., Wavertree, Lancs.
MRS. G. WALSH, Flat 2, 104, Kensington Lane, S.E.11.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Competition, these competitors share the First Prize of £500, and a cheque for £83 6s. 8d. will be sent to each.

Any other entrant who believes that he submitted an entry eligible for a share of this Prize must demand a Scrutiny by not later than First Post, Tuesday, February 21, sending £1 Scrutiny Fee, copy of all entries submitted and Postal Order number. Envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny" and addressed to the Competition Editor of "John Bull."

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the £100 Award to Runners-up. This prize has been divided between 30 competitors from whom we received entries inferior in merit by reason of only one less apt and accurate Answer compared with the best entries received. These winners will each receive £3 6s. 8d. A list of these Runners-up can be seen at the "John Bull" offices, and all have been notified.

A useful Surprise Award will be posted this week to each of 196 entrants from whom we received an entry differing from entries of Runners-up by only one less meritorious Answer.

WINNING SQUARE

The Adjudication Committee decided that the most apt and accurate Answers used by competitors were those now in the square shown.

One space is left blank to indicate that at this point MARCH and MARSH were requested as apt Answers of equal merit.

WINNING WORDS.

ACROSS.—2. MAST. 6. HAT. 7. COST. 8. STRAY. 10. DATE. 17. ASK. 19. RINK. 20. CARD. 21. HARD. 22. LACK.
DOWN.—1. CHEST. 2. PAPA. 3. HOUSE. 4. STORY. 5. BOY. 6. CLASH. 11. REST. 12. CASK. 13. RACK. 14. GYM. 15. MARCH or HARSH. 16. TRAM. 18. PARK.

BONUS WINNERS IN CROSSWORD No. 137.

The £10 Cash Bonus offered to "Good Shot" winners in Crossword No. 137 has been divided between the following five successful claimants:—Miss D. Ransombe, Bristol; Miss A. Cragg, Kendal; and H. V. Edwards, London, S.E.1.

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ACROSS CLUES.

1. Polished one is neater
4. It's not serious if they get chipped a bit
6. Female fowl
7. You expect that of reliable driver to be a good one
10. Blue may be handy for this
16. One is often crafty
18. Tailless monkey
20. Producer very frequently scraps when making film
21. Those who like guns and shooting welcome a sensational one
22. Where taxis sometimes wait to pick up fares

DOWN CLUES.

1. One may be able to learn something of nautical matters in a big one
2. First number
3. Good one can manage almost any kind of work
5. What some households have for tea at times
6. Cobbler often has, for shoe repairs
9. May be dug up and found entirely worthless
11. Good players should have no difficulty in making one
12. Polish is frequently turned over when you do this
13. They may be able to advise you about this in camera shop
14. Staff is often essential if you want to win this
15. May be an excellent runner and go very quickly
17. There's sometimes a roar when one is fired off
19. Animal kept in sty

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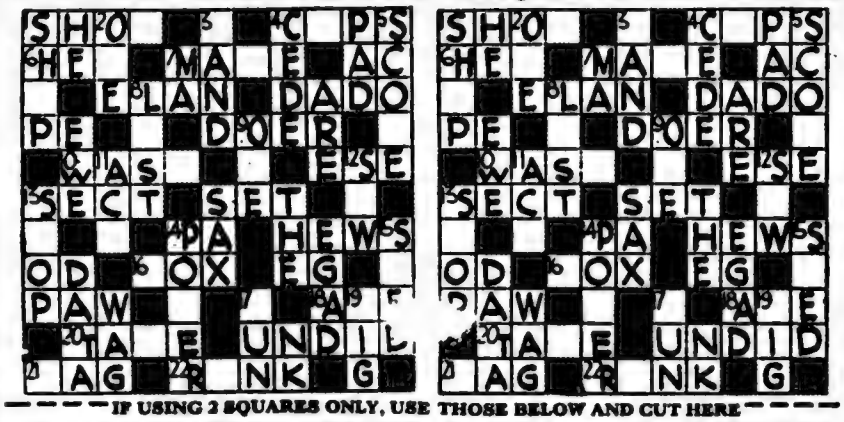

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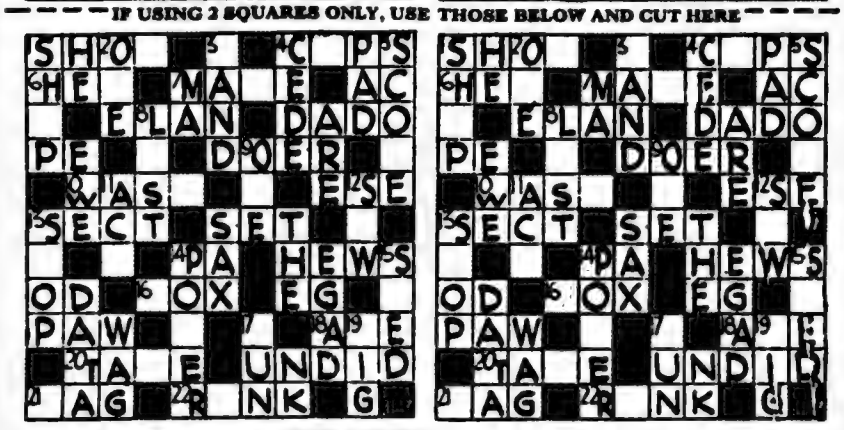

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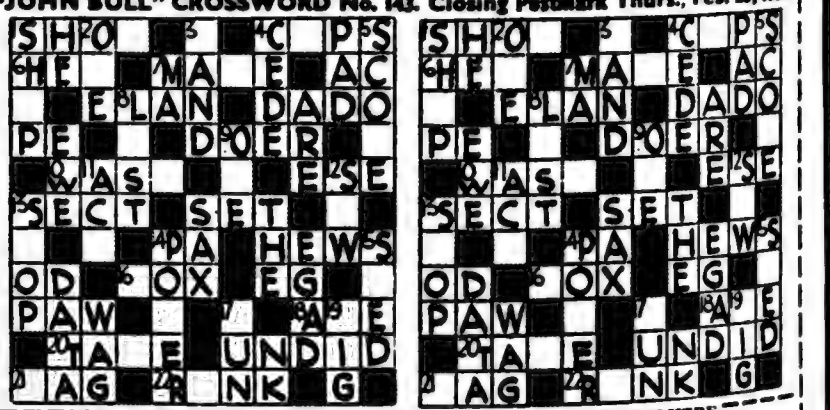

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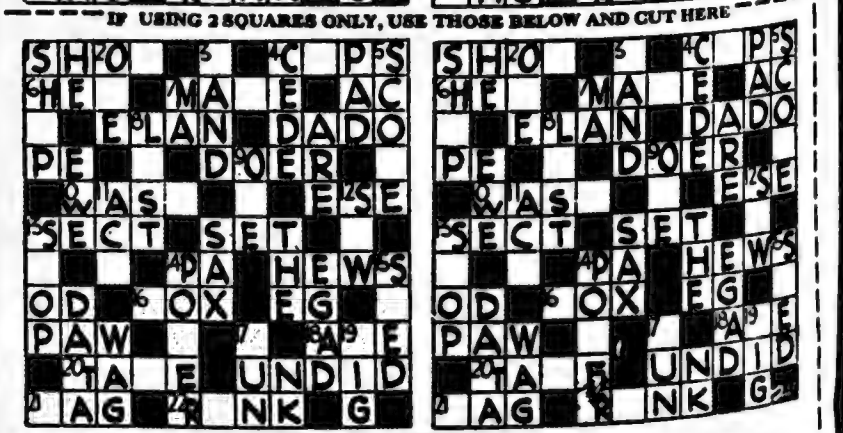

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. N. (Hinckley).—"I can tell you where the jority of collar-studs come from." What we nt to know is where they go to.

. J. (Pirton).—"I have invented a clock which only be wound up by the insertion of a coin." cash, no tick!

. M. (Bosworth).—"Shrove Tuesday pancakes ll soon be round again." We had no idea that y had ever altered their shape.

Mrs. F. (Kendal).—"I share any little delicacy food equally between my two children." You viously believe in a balanced diet.

Mrs. M. (Putney).—"How can I make mustard re appetising?" One method is to mix it with d water and serve with hot roast beef.

. R. (Hereford).—"I have made a very good job digging my front garden, but doubt whether I do any more." You think your back will er?

. S. (Radstock).—"We are unhappy because of the things haven't got." What out toothache?

. N. (Nantwich).—"I intend to take a man's holiday t week." But are sure the busman n't mind?

. P. (Hendon).—"I have always maintained that two heads better than one.' en you have never d that morning-after-the-night-before ing.

. S. (Hyde).—"Do know what I do n the landlord is beating on the front r?" Beat it out of the back?

. V. S. (Manchester).—"There are ens of public-houses in this district, I have never been in one of them." ch one is that?

. M. (London, W.).—"Last night, glars took a trap-drummer's outfit n the house next door." How very siderate of them.

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ATER (Lowestoft).—"I told my little boy to put the cake away where the could not get at it. He disobeyed and ate the lot." But he didn't disyou!

T. (Horncastle).—"I have heard that an who includes a lot of fruit in his is less likely to make mistakes at ." Yet bananas are responsible for y slips.

L. (Taunton).—"You cannot get from the fact that seeing is believ-So that is why the wife always s her eyes when we begin that excuse t being detained at the office.

G. (Paisley).—"It was only after a struggle of more than an hour that ntually got the better of the salmon." 's tho worst of those blunt tiners.

J. (Corby).—"We should always avour to rise by our own efforts, 's what I tell my son." Quite right. never know when the alarm clock go wrong.

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J. McC. (Oban).—"I'm going to do all that I can to settle the traffic problem." Selling your car?

R. B. (Burnley).—"Can you tell me the quickest and cheapest way to make sawdust?" Heavens, man, use your head!

Mrs. S. (Uckfield).—"We had five years of happy married life and then he spoiled everything." He came back?

B. N. (Marske).—"I understand that business firms prefer married men as travellers." Well, they're used to taking orders.

K. H. (Dublin).—"The story I have submitted to you was written in my odd moments." Could we see something you've written in your lucid intervals?

G. P. (Hull).—"The comedian stopped in the middle of his performance, told the audience he felt funny and retired." If he could have managed it, that was really a golden opportunity to go on.

R. K. (Bow).—"I am running a jumble sale for charity. Have you an old winter overcoat that you do not want to wear any more?" Yes, but unfortunately we still have to wear it.

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AUSTIN (Belper).—"A friend of mine, charged with speeding, escaped a fine by proving that his car could not travel faster than 29 miles an hour." Most motorists would have pleaded guilty rather than admit that.

W. L. (Oxford).—"It is suggested that telegraph messengers should form a union." We fancy they have done so. We saw a mass meeting the other day round a pneumatic drill.

T. C. (Buxton).—"What would the lonely shepherd be without his faithful dog?" Loneller.

F. M. (London, S.W.2).—"My wife says that every tradesman in the neighbourhood is a little dear." Then it's time you did something about it.

P. B. (Leyton).—"Every man and woman should be able to look forward to a pension for later years." While waiting for Utopia, remember there's one Life Pension waiting for somebody on page 40 and another on page 43.

Mrs. B. (Manchester).—"When people saw I still had the sales ticket on my hat, they thought I had stolen it and threatened to tell the police." Walking about with a price on your head, eh?

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

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Women and Crime

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of any reason why she should want to move suddenly?" the detective asked next.

"No, I don't! That's just the point!" Frau Stablein retorted. "She did intend moving. That I know!

"You see she used to act as a sort of unofficial caretaker for the flats, and she often collected the rents for the agent.

"But she had a row with him over something or other, and he ordered her to move before April 1, which was the start of the new quarter.

"Frau Rochling told me early in February that she didn't intend going until the last day."

"But don't you think it possible she might have decided to move out suddenly, without letting anyone know she was going?"

"Well, it's possible. She was a funny sort of creature in many ways. But I don't think she did.

"You see, I was talking to her just before ten o'clock on February 19. And I went to her flat just after nine next morning.

"By that time all her furniture had been moved out, the flat had been cleaned, and she'd gone!

"SHE'D have had to work all night to do that! And even if she'd wanted to do a moonlight flit, she wasn't strong enough to work all night. She was a semi-invalid."

"I see. You mentioned the Ladestocks a moment ago! From the way you spoke I rather gather that you don't like them. Do you think they might know anything of Frau Rochling's movements?"

"If you ask me, I think they know everything about her movements. I shouldn't be surprised if they arranged for her 'to move' before she even knew it herself!"

"Ever since they came here she's almost lived with them. Lord knows why! Because Herr Ladestock was such a drunkard they never had a bite to eat in the place. And they hadn't any furniture either. Frau Rochling used to sit on a box whenever she visited them.

"In the beginning Ladestock objected to her and he had a lot of rows with his wife over it.

"But after she had the trouble with the agent in January, Frau Rochling lent them some furniture on condition that she could store some of her trunks and boxes with them.

"After that they were all right. But Frau Ladestock broke one of the cases open and stole some of the things. Frau Rochling found out about it the day before she disappeared.

"THAT afternoon I met her in the hall, and she told me she was going to see Herr Ladestock at the place where he works. When I spoke to her again in the evening she said Ladestock had agreed to pay her a lump sum for the things his wife stole, and would carry all her furniture back before he went to bed.

"In the morning, Frau Rochling and all her furniture had disappeared!"

"That sounds as if it would be worth while to pay the Ladestocks a visit!" commented Muller. "Do you know if they're in?"

"Oh, they're not here now!" answered Frau Stablein. "They moved about a fortnight ago, and I don't know where they've gone!"

"How old would you say Frau Ladestock is?"

"About thirty-two."

"Thirty-two, eh? She hasn't got brown hair by any chance, has she?"

"Yes, she has!" came the reply. "How did you know?"

"I didn't. I merely wondered! I'm going to have a look round the Ladestock's apartment. Then I want to see Frau Rochling's."

The Kommissar searched the empty flat thoroughly. But he could not find any clue to the present whereabouts of the Ladestocks.

However, he *did* find eleven long brown hairs among a pile of sweepings behind the door of the tiny kitchen.

Retrieving these, he placed them carefully in an envelope, which he stowed away in his inner breast pocket.

He scooped up a sample of the floor dust into another envelope and packed that away, too.

He had much more luck in Frau Rochling's apartment.

On the walls and floor of what had been the caretaker's sitting-room he saw a number of dark stains.

Taking a single filter-paper from his pocket-kit, he let a tiny drop of water fall on one of the stains, allowed it to remain there for a moment, and then placed the paper gently on top.

A few minutes later the stain spread into the paper.

"I wonder if that's human blood!" he said to himself as he watched the dark spot rise. "However, we'll see!"

Within ten minutes he was back at headquarters, having brought Frau Stablein with him.

He showed her the shawl and the piece of blue cloth which had been wrapped around the torso.

Frau Stablein was not sure about the shawl.

But she was positive about the upholstery material.

"I know that!" she cried when she saw it. "Frau Rochling bought that about twelve months ago to make some cover with it."

When she had gone the Kommissar reached up to a shelf and took down a bottle containing a mixture of benzine and hydrogen peroxide.

With a glass rod he placed one drop of this on the filter-paper which he had used to test the stains at the flat.

The dark spot immediately began to turn a deep blue-green!

He picked up the telephone and rang through to the laboratory.

"About that Muhlendamm Town case," he said. "I'm sending you over some samples of dust and hair.

"CHECK them against the hair and dust on the shawl, will you? I want to know if they match!

"And let me have three or four men too. I want them to go over a flat in the Bruckenstrasse. I think I've found the place where that body was cut up!"

Muller was right! He had found the murder spot!

Every one of the ominous stains proved to be human blood!

But it was one thing to know who the quarry was and quite a different thing to locate them.

The Ladestocks had disappeared.

Muller circulated their descriptions far and wide. He contacted every one of their old friends and acquaintances.

Finally, learning that Herr Ladestock was a coal-presser by trade, he arranged for a band of detectives to visit every place in Berlin where the man might be employed.

In this way he eventually traced the missing couple to a house in the Reichenbergerstrasse.

After that the rest was easy.

Like most killers, Frau Ladestock tried to throw the blame on someone else.

She recited a pathetic story of how her husband had told her that, after paying Frau Rochling the promised money, he had killed her.

BUT Ladestock, who had the mentality of a child of twelve, refused to take the blame.

"That's not true!" he cried. "I killed her! I admit it! But she made me do it! She's been at me, too, ever since Frau Rochling first lent us that furniture.

"It was she who made me cut the body up. She made me use her meat-knife—you'll find it in the drawer at home!

"And she helped me, too. She got blood all over two aprons—you'll find those there, too."

Ladestock *was* right.

Even the judge and jury believed him.

Since it was he who had struck the fatal blows, he was tried as the principal.

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